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# Russian economic woes send markets tumbling

By DAN GERSTENFELD and news agencies

The Dow Jones industrial average yesterday plunged 357 points or by 4.2 percent, to 8,166.99, its third-biggest point loss ever and the biggest percentage drop since last October's swoon.

Wall Street's retreat in extremely heavy trading came as Russia's worsening political and economic crisis and worries about Japan's resolve to revive its ailing economy sent stocks tumbling around the world.

Shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange fell across the board yesterday.

Paralysis crept through Russia's battered financial system as the government fought for support. The West warned it would bail the country out only if radical reforms are launched.

President Boris Yeltsin kept away from the capital, staying at his country residence, as pressure grew on him to resign. His office hotly denied rumors that he had stepped down.

"I would like the Russian public, the Russian and foreign media to calm down," spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said. "The president's resignation has been and is out of the question."

The Kremlin press service later issued a statement denying reports of Yeltsin's resignation and accusing foreign media of "spreading untrue information."

**Currency basket rises above NIS 4, Page 10**
**Stock market report, Page 12**

The Russian central bank suspended all foreign currency trade on the main exchange for the second successive day because of fears that the ruble was going into free fall. Trading will not resume today, it said.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said last night that he hopes the stock market situation in Russia stabilizes, but that if it doesn't, the Jews of Russia and Ukraine need to know that Israel is here for them.

In Tel Aviv, the Maof 25 index fell 3.38% to 300.22, for a drop of 9.3% this week.

Traders said that the sharpest decline was in the blue chips, which are usually identified with foreign investors. Market sources said that overseas investment funds that specialize in emerging markets were the main sellers as they face strong redemptions at home.

Meanwhile, the shekel depreciated 0.99% against the dollar – falling to an all time low – with the currency basket rising for the first time above NIS 4.

The representative rate for the dollar was set at NIS 3.773, while the currency basket was fixed at NIS 4.0142. At the same time, the shekel depreciated 2.3% against the yen following the rise of the Japanese currency against the dollar.

# Hebron-area terror cell uncovered

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The General Security Service and the IDF said yesterday they had uncovered a large terror cell operating in the Hebron area belonging to the Syrian-based Abu Musa faction.

The security services have so far captured 20 members of the cell; most of them are residents of the villages of Tsurif and Samoa.

Many were students at West Bank colleges and some told their interrogators they had been recruited while studying at colleges in the former Soviet Union, the army said.

Special IDF units, including the undercover Duvdevan squads, and paratroopers and armored corps soldiers participated in the round-up of the suspected terrorists. The arrests began in June, but the IDF only revealed the information yesterday.

The leader of the group, Adnan Fisfus, 32, from the village of Dura, is still at large and is believed to be hiding in the Palestinian-controlled section of Hebron. The army said Fisfus has been on Israel's wanted list since early 1997.

The Abu Musa faction broke away from PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah in 1983 and set up training bases in Lebanon.

"Orders for the group came directly from its headquarters in Syria and large sums of money from Syria were transferred for the purpose of military-style training," an IDF statement said.

The army said members of the cell have confessed to two drive-by shootings of Israeli vehicles; one in May near the Otniel junction and the other in April near the Jaba junction. They also are suspected of throwing a hand grenade at an Israeli car in June near the Otniel junction. No one was hurt in the attacks.

# PM: No deal until PA fights terror

## No group claims responsibility for Tel Aviv bomb, which injured 21

By HELEN KAYE, MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, and MOHAMMED NAJIB

"There will be no [redeployment] agreement unless the Palestinian Authority, in word and in deed, fights terror everywhere, whether in Hebron or Tel Aviv," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu emphatically stated yesterday.

He was speaking at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, where he was visiting victims of yesterday's bomb blast in Tel Aviv.

A bus packed with early morning commuters pulled away from a bus stop just before the bomb, packed with nails and hidden in a trash can, exploded at the intersection of Allenby Street and Rothschild Boulevard.

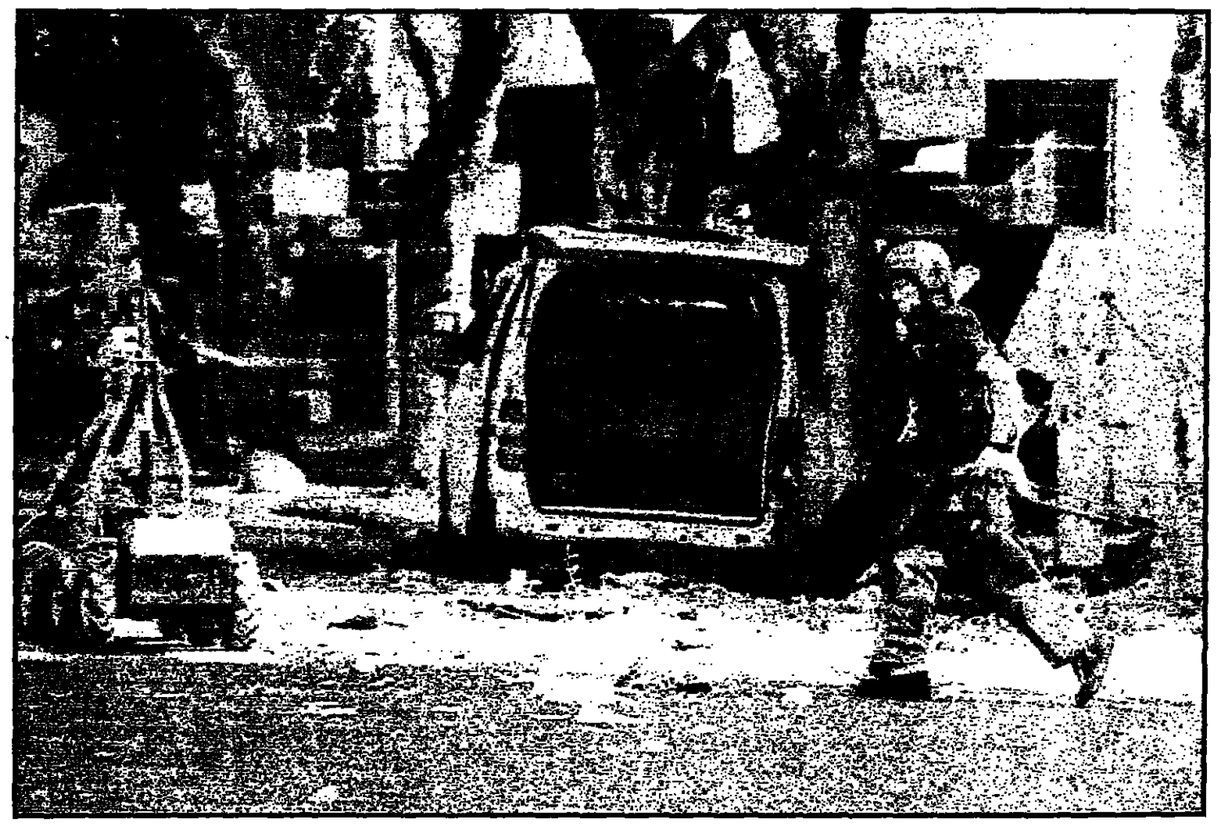
**Luck in Tel Aviv, Page 2**

Twenty-one people were hurt in the attack, 19 lightly and two moderately. Among them were a toddler and a 4-year-old boy, police said.

Following the attack, police sealed off the area, fearing other bombs might be hidden nearby. Officers with bomb-sniffing dogs went through garbage cans.

Thirteen of the wounded were transferred to Ichilov Hospital and 10 were released during the day. Michal Matityahu, 25, of Modi'in underwent surgery for her wounds.

Three were transferred to Wolfson Hospital in Holon and after receiving treatment were released; five were transferred to the Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, one suffering from moderate wounds.



A police sapper checks the site of yesterday's bombing in Tel Aviv. (Ilan Osendryver/Israel Sun)

Police and General Security Service officials are focusing on several workers from the territories who failed to show up for work at a building site near the scene of the attack. They are also looking into several sanitation workers who did not come to work.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said no organization had claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bomb weighed between 500 gm. and one kg., and was apparently planted in the garbage can early in the day.

The police has beefed up forces in large cities and places where crowds gather, including shopping malls and bus stations.

"There was no specific security warning," Kahalani said. "We always live with the suspicion that there might be a bombing."

Netanyahu confirmed that there was as yet no hard intelligence confirming that the attack was the work of terrorists, "but if it is, we will find and catch them."

He dismissed a possible link with the American attacks in Afghanistan and Sudan, though he added that he agreed with US President Bill Clinton, who had declared that the war on terror is also a war against terrorist infrastructure.

"If the Palestinians are serious about peace, they have to live up to their promises," he said.

PA officials condemned the bombing, though PA Chairman Yasser Arafat did not publicly do so.

"We condemn the violent acts that cause a tense atmosphere and push the peace process further away," Arafat aide Nabil Amr told *The Jerusalem Post*. "In my opinion, there is no solution for this kind of operation and the situation must be stabilized, to allow for a just peace to reign and then people won't have to live with conflict."

Amr stressed that the PA is doing everything possible to fight terrorism, "not only because of the US and Israeli demands, but because of the Palestinian society."

PA Labor Minister Rafik Netsha said that "we condemn all kinds of terrorism, especially the terrorism against Palestinians by Israel."

Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin declared that if Palestinians perpetrated the attack, it was because they oppose the continued occupation of the West Bank.

He said he didn't rule out the possibility that Israeli extremists were involved, with the intention of pushing Israel towards a more extreme stand against Palestinians.

Palestinian sources said that at a Gaza meeting between Netanyahu aide Yitzhak Molcho and Arafat on Wednesday night, Molcho demanded a condemnation of the recent terrorist attacks in Yitzhar and Tel Rumeida.

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# Nairobi bombing suspect charged in US

NEW YORK (Reuters) – A suspect in the bombing of the US Embassy in Nairobi was charged with murdering the 253 people, including 12 US nationals, killed in the attack 20 days ago, by Manhattan federal prosecutors yesterday.

The defendant, Mohamed Rashed Daoud Owhali, also known as Khalid Salim Saleh Bin Rashed, was flown out of Kenya on Wednesday night and appeared in Manhattan federal court yesterday afternoon.

Magistrate Judge Sharon Grubin ordered him held without bail.

Federal law enforcement officials said a second suspect, Mohammed Sadiq Odeh, was on his way to New York, where he would face charges for the bombing. Odeh was arrested in Pakistan on the day of the blast and then deported to Kenya.

Attorney General Janet Reno told a news conference in Washington the arrest of Owhali, who she said was from Yemen, stemmed from one of the most extensive overseas criminal investigations in US history.

"A great wrong has been done. But we are not going to rest. We are not going to forget. We are going to pursue every last murderer until justice is done," she said.

President Bill Clinton, in a statement from Edgartown, Massachusetts, vowed to continue the fight against violence.

A financial affidavit that Owhali signed to qualify for free legal services states that he is single, unemployed and that he had received $12,000 during the past year from his father. The only asset listed is a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice.

The 14-count complaint charges the defendant with 12 counts of murder and one count each of murder conspiracy and use of weapons of mass destruction. It also alleges that he confessed to his role in the Nairobi bombing and said it was supposed to be a "martyrdom operation" that he did not expect to survive.

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# Pensions to cost IDF NIS 3b. by 2005

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The way the IDF allocates its pensions, over half of the wages being paid out in the next decade will be to retired officers.

"This means we'll be paying for two armies," said a senior Finance Ministry official. "One the standing army and the other the retired one."

**Will the defense budget be shot down?, Page 15**

The Finance Ministry is in the midst of a war against the Defense Ministry bid for an increase in its budget. The Defense Ministry is asking for NIS 2 billion to be added to its NIS 34b. package. The Finance Ministry wants to cut about NIS 500 million and says there is a lot of fat to cut.

According to Treasury officials, most Western countries start their pension payments at 65. But the IDF retires its officers at 44. By 2005, the IDF will be paying about NIS 3b. to its retirees. Today it pays about NIS 2.1b., compared to NIS 1b. a decade ago.

The army doesn't deny the figures, but said the IDF had raised the retirement age from 40 to 44 in the past five years.

# Tel Aviv man kills girlfriend, self

Suleiman Abu-Rabiya, 26, from Kuseifa, apparently shot his girlfriend, Nirit Dagan, 25, to death and then killed himself around 3 a.m. yesterday in their Tel Aviv apartment, police said yesterday afternoon.

The couple had been together for a number of years and Dagan, from Kibbutz Nir'am, recently decided to end the relationship, acquaintances said.

When Dagan didn't show up for work yesterday afternoon, her boss and longtime friend Benny Moran, concerned that she had been injured in the bombing that morning, began to search for her. After checking hospitals unsuccessfully, he went to her apartment, climbed up to a window, and saw the bodies. He then called the fire department, which broke into the apartment.

Dep.-Cmdr. Shahar Ayalon said that police found a suicide note that appeared to have been written by Abu-Rabiya and a gun, for which Abu-Rabiya had a license. He added that there were no signs of an argument or other violence preceding the murder and suicide.

"For the past few nights, we heard loud screams and crying from the apartment," said Liat Kanzi, who lives nearby.

Kanzi and her husband had considered checking on the couple after hearing a loud noise followed by crying, but decided not to interfere, she told Channel 1.

"I only have good things to say about Nirit. She was a wonderful, sympathetic, decent, and dedicated person," said Moran, who Dagan had started working for him only two weeks ago.

Yoav Tsur, editor of the local newspaper *Zman Tel Aviv* where Dagan had worked previously, said, "She was a very intelligent woman, very dedicated, and always took responsibility." (Itim)

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# NEWS
*in brief*

### IDF prepares for new Iraq crisis
The Home Front Command has begun preparing for a possible crisis with Iraq in October, Channel 2 reported last night. The main goal of the preparations is to prevent a recurrence of the long lines at gas mask distribution centers. Home Front Command sources said that some 400,000 people in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas have yet to pick up their gas masks. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

### Evaluation of police undercover unit due soon
An internal evaluation of the Jerusalem Police's special Gidonim unit is expected soon, Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk said yesterday. There are no plans to disband the unit, which does undercover work in the Arab community and has been highly effective and professional, he added. *Itim*

### Bicyclist killed when hit by car
Tamar Berman, 27, of Ramat Gan, was killed yesterday when she was hit by a car while riding her bicycle in Ramat Gan. The driver of the car was taken in for questioning by the police. *Itim*

### Man found murdered in Eilat
Mahlouf Abergil, 50, of Eilat, was found stabbed to death in his mother's apartment yesterday afternoon. He was found by someone who had come to visit. Police said Abergil's car was found in Yavne, leading police to believe it may have been stolen by his killers. A neighbor said that two days earlier she had heard shouting in the mother's apartment, but didn't see anyone unusual. Abergil, a retired fire-fighter, had been involved in drug offenses. *Itim*

# Most victims of TA blast released

By HELEN KAYE and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara visit Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital to console victims of yesterday's bombing. (Israel Sun)

Fourteen of the 21 people wounded in yesterday's trash-can bomb in Tel Aviv were released during the day from the hospital, as officials estimated the damage from the explosion at some NIS 1.5 million.

The bomb, planted in a municipal garbage can, exploded yesterday at 8:42 a.m., on the corner of Rehov Allenby and Sderot Rothschild in Tel Aviv.

The wounded, most of whom suffered shock or cuts from flying glass, were taken to several hospitals in the central region. Nineteen people were lightly hurt and two were moderately wounded.

Shortly after the blast, Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishki arrived at the scene, as did Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and General Security Service head Ami Ayalon. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani arrived at the site to oversee the investigation and receive details.

Milo said he hoped it wouldn't be long before there will be peace. "It is obvious we are in a constant struggle against extremists and the real question that remains is who will lead the Middle East," he said.

As long as peace progresses there is a chance that terror will decrease, he added.

The blast damaged 80 apartments and 10 stores, seven of which were heavily damaged. Store windows shattered all over the immediate area and a van that was parked near the site sustained damage.

Some 90 minutes after the blast, police sappers using robot equipment and sniffer dogs continued to comb the area, collecting debris that might assist in the investigation.

Aharonishki said he believed the bomb, composed of metal and nails, was the work of amateurs and contained no more than a few hundred grams of explosive. He urged Tel Aviv residents to be alert, but go about their normal business.

"This isn't the first time, so let's not make an issue out of it," he said, adding that the police had received no warning phone calls.

Eyewitnesses said that the police, ambulances and soldiers arrived within minutes.

Nir Drori of Tel Aviv, who served as a medic in the IDF, said, " I was riding along Allenby on my scooter when I heard the blast and saw the trash and bits of the can flying through the air. There were two women lying on the ground. One was cut over the eye, the other's legs were bleeding. I did what I could to stop the first woman's bleeding."

Roni Agir said that he saw the garbage can fly into the air. He then noticed the man in the lottery kiosk was crying and in shock.

"I took him in my arms, and got him some water, then MDA came and put him in an ambulance."

Simha Mantzur was going with her 18-month-old son to buy diapers when the blast occurred.

"The store hadn't opened so we went to the kiosk nearby to buy a drink when there was an explosion. I was sure my son had been injured; we were very lucky."

Mantzur and her son were taken to Ichilov Hospital for treatment.

Lawyer David Cohen of Herzliya was sitting in a coffee shop near his office when the blast occurred. He ended up with a severe headache and ringing in his ears.

"I was on my way to the office and stopped for coffee when there was suddenly a huge explosion about a meter-and-a-half from me. I was lucky to have been sitting inside so nothing happened to me."

Other eyewitnesses said that minutes before the blast occurred, a bus stopped to let off passengers, who dispersed before the blast.

"Imagine what would have happened if the blast went off as the bus was at the curb," one said.

*Michal Yudelman adds:*

The Likud denounced the attack and demanded that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and the PA denounce this and other terrorist attacks.

"The attack in Tel Aviv and the murder in Hebron prove the government's need to insist on security needs in the talks and how we must not renounce Israel's vital demands," the Likud statement said.

Labor MK Haim Ramon said the attack was yet another indication of the collapse of security on all fronts, from the northern border, through the settlements in the West Bank to the heart of Tel Aviv.

# PA ends surveillance of escaped prisoner's home

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered a halt to surveillance on the El Bireh home of Hamas activist Imad Awadallah, who escaped from a PA jail in Jericho on August 15. He also instructed military justice officers to investigate the violence that Palestinian Preventive Security officers displayed toward Palestinian Legislative Council members visiting the house.

PLC members have gathered outside Awadallah's home several times to protest what they called a "continued siege" by Palestinian security forces, which allegedly are preventing Awadallah's children from going to school and checking food supplies entering the house.

PLC members who had gathered outside Awadallah's home were attacked by Palestinian security forces on several occasions. On Wednesday, PLC member Hatem Abdul Khader was hospitalized after receiving a blow to the head and arm. Later that night, Arafat telephoned Khader to ask how he was and promised to investigate the attacks on PLC members.

In protest of the attacks, PA Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Nabil Amr and PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein fired the Palestinian security officials guarding their homes.

PLC members held a session after the attacks and called on Arafat to suspend West Bank Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub, who is responsible for the Jericho prison.

Amr expressed frustration at not being able to deal with other issues during the PLC sessions.

"We can't talk about the independent Palestinian state or the situation in Hebron while representatives of the people are assaulted by members of the security apparatuses," he said.

# Ateret Kohanim: Ras al-Amud building soon

By AMY KLEIN and news agencies

Construction of a Jewish neighborhood in Ras al-Amud in Jerusalem will begin soon, Yossi Kaufman, administrator of the Ateret Kohanim Yeshiva, announced yesterday.

The Jerusalem Municipality formally approved the plan to build 132 apartments on the 15-dunam site almost two months ago. The yeshiva is now waiting for the green light from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Kaufman said.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement that the government will discuss the issue and decide on building in Ras al-Amud at the appropriate time.

Faisal Husseini, the Palestinian Authority official responsible for Jerusalem, called the approval a "dangerous provocation."

"The decision was made by the Netanyahu government, which plans to destroy the peace process," he said, adding that a "disaster" will ensue if construction begins.

Violent riots broke out in Ras al-Amud last fall, when a small group of Jewish settlers moved into a home owned by Irving Moskowitz, a wealthy philanthropist from Miami.

Final approval came six months after the regional building and planning committee also gave the project the okay, Jerusalem Municipality spokesman Haggai Elias said.

"The municipality automatically approves projects passed on by the regional committee," he said, adding that a plan for the construction of 500 homes for Arab residents was also approved.

It will take two years to complete the project, Kaufman said. Archeologist first have to carry out a routine dig at the site to ascertain if there are ancient graves there, he said, but he expects it to take a short time and that they will break ground "well before the November elections."

"This is an explicit action of the government against peace," said Peace Now Spokeswoman, Hagit Yaari. "You can't have peace and build at Ras al-Amud."

## Winning numbers

In yesterday's Payis Hazak drawing, ticket number 234447 won NIS 1.5 million, while ticket number 700015 won the car. Tickets 459353, 376799, 180997, 851818, 196162, 461953, 173227 and 593909 won NIS 5,000.

Tickets ending in 33822, 35858, 41369, 15353, 95111, 75151, 04649, 41965, 94111, 03554, 63315, 07895, 04185, 29157, 55414, 42493, 79672, 17125 and 49515 won NIS 1,000.

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**Four Mothers use ostrich to make their point**

**Members of the Four Mothers group (from left) Rachel Ben-Dor, Bruria Sharon, Zahara Anteby, and Ronit Nahmias demonstrate with an ostrich outside the prime minister's house in Jerusalem yesterday, to symbolize that the government "buries its head in the sand" on Lebanon. They also brought dozens of ostrich eggs, hand-painted with pictures and slogans, to deliver to the prime minister.**

(Text: Amy Klein; Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

# Shahak and PM take off their gloves

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Former chief of general staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's natural place is on the Left, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday. He was responding to reports that Labor Party leader Ehud Barak had invited Shahak to join the party.

Netanyahu, visiting people wounded in the Tel Aviv bomb blast at Ichilov Hospital, added that at least Barak voiced reservations about the Oslo Accords. Shahak took off his uniform, put on a suit, and immediately conversed with his hand on Nabil Shaath's shoulder, he said.

Shahak responded by saying he wasn't surprised that Netanyahu made the statements while visiting the wounded, making cynical use of a terror attack.

"This is the same prime minister that sent generals in and out of uniform to conduct negotiations with the Palestinians," he said.

He said Netanyahu had requested information about him from an Army Radio reporter. The Prime Minister's Office denied this.

Barak and Shahak met in a Tel Aviv hotel yesterday morning for the first time since Shahak's recent discharge from the IDF. Barak is believed to have offered Shahak a reserved spot near the top of Labor's Knesset list, without having to contend in the primaries, and promised him the Defense portfolio should he win the elections.



Amnon Lipkin-Shahak

(Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

Shahak is also being courted by MK Dan Meridor (Likud), who is considering running at the head of a new centrist party. Meridor and Shahak met last week, and Meridor apparently offered him the No. 2 spot on his list.

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, another candidate for prime minister, who is trying to persuade Meridor to join his list, has stated he would welcome Shahak as his No. 2 and defense minister. Milo and Meridor have agreed that if they run together, the one who is most likely to win at the time will be the candidate for prime minister.

Shahak, however, has not decided yet whether to enter political life or which party to join if he does.

MK Haim Ramon (Labor) said yesterday that Shahak has much to contribute to public life, and hoped he will join Labor, even if it means certain senior party figures have to move aside.

"Every personal consideration must be laid aside. What's important is saving the peace, reinvigorating the economy, and stopping the collapse of internal security and social norms, not anyone's place on the list," Ramon said.

He said he is sure Shahak would reject any suggestion of reserving him a slot on Labor's list. "He doesn't need favors from anyone and I have no doubt he will be elected to Labor's top leadership by virtue of his personality and public status," Ramon said.

In another development, Labor's executive yesterday decided to field one list, headed by Prof. Shimon Sheetrit, in the Jerusalem mayoral election. The executive rejected a demand it field Jerusalem party branch head Haim Cohen at the head of its list.

Labor sources said that Cohen, who is supported by MK Shimon Peres, is planning to make a deal with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (Likud), to be his No. 2 without contending for mayor.

Barak insisted on Labor fielding its own candidate, even if his chances of winning are inferior to Olmert's.

# Lebanon warns Israel against attacking

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Lebanon warned Israel yesterday that if it bombs Lebanese infrastructure in retaliation for guerrilla rocket attacks, it will destroy the 1996 understanding on the border conflict and provoke further violence.

Asked to comment on reports that a majority of Israeli ministers said that the next time rockets land in northern Israel, the air force should attack Lebanese bridges, power stations and main roads, Foreign Minister Faris Bweiz told reporters that Lebanon was committed to the April 1996 understanding that prohibits attacks on civilians in the conflict between Israel and the Lebanese guerrillas.

"But if Israel wants to destroy this agreement, it can do so and it must bear the consequences," he said.

The Grapes of Wrath Monitoring committee is to meet on Monday to discuss complaints from Israel and Lebanon after the recent heavy fighting in which Hizbullah fired Katyusha rockets at Galilee communities.

The meeting of the five-nation committee was seen as a way of helping to defuse the tension in the region, which reached a peak following the killing by IAF helicopters on Tuesday of regional Amal operations chief Husam el-Amin.

Syria yesterday made clear that it would stand behind Lebanon, as it had done in the past, in the event of any such attacks.

Reports from Lebanon said most of those who left the villages north of the security zone for fear of Israeli reprisals for the Katyusha rocket attacks on Tuesday had returned.

Meanwhile, residents of Kiryat Shmona and other parts of Galilee resumed their daily routine, as property tax assessors continued to receive reports about damage from the rocket attacks.

Hoteliers and tourist operators, however, warned that the damage in terms of lost income could be much higher, unless there was an influx of visitors following a wave of cancelations after the rocket attacks.

# PM denies rift with Mordechai

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and HERB KEINON

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu denied yesterday that there was any additional tension between him and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai over the failure to order Kiryat Shmona residents into bomb shelters before Tuesday night's Katyusha rocket attacks.

"I just returned from meeting with the defense minister, and there is no tension between us," Netanyahu said, after visiting the victims of yesterday's Tel Aviv bomb blast at Ichilov Hospital.

Still, Netanyahu was reportedly livid after a message to order people into the bomb shelters that he had relayed to his military aide, Brig.-Gen. Shimon Shapira, was not implemented by the IDF.

The order was given in the anticipation of a Katyusha attack in retaliation for the IDF killing of Amal's regional operations chief, Husam Amin.

Shapira telephoned the instructions to Mordechai's military aide, Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, who failed to pass it on any further.

Defense Minister officials close to Mordechai said Amidror was under the impression that Netanyahu was making a "recommendation" and not issuing a directive.

Amidror decided not to pass on the message since the IDF brass was in any case due to meet to assess the situation. It was during this assessment that the Katyushas began falling and the order was given to get the public into the shelters.

"It could be that Amidror made a mistake by misunderstanding Shapira," said a defense official. "But the prime minister is not really authorized to give orders on such matters. It is the chief of general staff or OC Northern Command who are supposed to make these sort of decisions."

# Mordechai delays trip to China again

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has delayed his long-awaited visit to China for a day to be here over the weekend to deal with any unrest in the territories or renewed tension in the North.

Mordechai had already postponed the visit twice, and the Chinese were highly insulted, defense sources said. Even though the timing of this visit is not comfortable, defense officials said it could actually damage Israel-Chinese relations if Mordechai put off his visit for a third time.

His four-day trip now comes at a time when both countries are anxious to negotiate joint ventures. Mordechai is to be accompanied by defense industry leaders, including the heads of the Israel Aircraft Industries, Rafael, and TAAS Israel Industries, and his trip is seen as a push for increased defense ties with Beijing.

Foreign reports have said that Israel and China have cooperated on a joint fighter plane called the F-10. Some of the avionics are believed to have been designed for use in the scuttled Lavi fighter.

As a humanitarian gesture, Mordechai will be bringing antibiotics and water purification tablets to help China in its struggle against floods. Defense Ministry officials said it was "only a drop in the bucket," but was completely coordinated with the Chinese.

Mordechai will depart for Beijing and Shanghai on Sunday, after the weekly cabinet meeting. He was to have left Saturday night, but sources close to him said he wanted to brief the ministers on events in the North after he meets with leaders from the confrontation line settlements. Furthermore, the defense minister will be flying in an air force jet so that he will be able to return to the country immediately should the security or political situation require it.

Besides discussions on defense ties, Mordechai will brief the Chinese on the peace process and the growing long-range threat from Iran.

Accompanying Mordechai to China will be senior ministry officials, as well as five reserve battalion commanders he selected in appreciation for their contribution to the IDF.

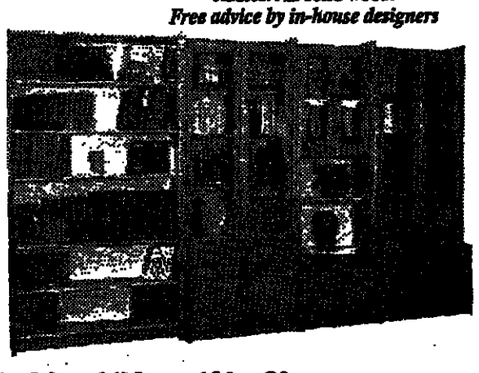

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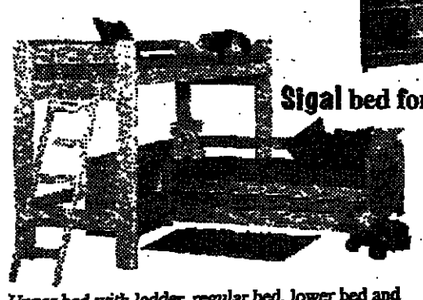
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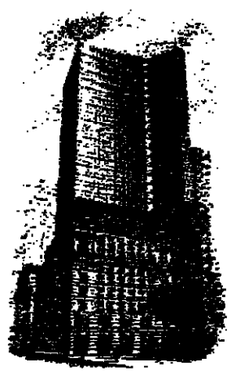


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# Report: J'lem only 60% Jewish by 2020

By AMY KLEIN

By the year 2020, the population of Jerusalem will be poorer, older and have a smaller proportion of Jews, a study commissioned by the Jerusalem Municipality has found.

Hebrew University professor Sergio De la Pergola's 15-page report obtained by *The Jerusalem Post* predicts population trends for the year 2020 compared to those of the year 1995.

By the year 2020, Jerusalem will be 61.6 percent Jewish, 10% less than it is today. Moslems will account for 85% of the increase of non-Jews.

"The simplest and fastest way to influence the demographic balance of the city is to change the borders," recommended the report, which is believed to have provided the basis for the Jerusalem expansion plan espoused by the municipality.

"On the one hand [the city] can annex Jewish settlements west of Jerusalem in order to increase the Jewish population, or it can relinquish parts of the city with non-Jewish residents," said the report.

The study is based on the birthrates, mortality rates, migration to and from other cities and emigration to and from other countries.

The city will be poorer because residents of "established" neighborhoods – which also have a relatively low birthrate – are leaving the city at the highest rate.

New immigrants will not come to Jerusalem either, because of a lack of affordable housing and lack of jobs for academics and professionals.

The Jewish population will also have aged: The 45-65 year-old age group will have increased significantly, and in general, people over 15 will account for a more significant percentage of the population.

The only two sectors of Jewish society which will show an increase as a percentage of the overall population are the haredim, with a one percent increase, and people of a low socio-economic strata, with an eight percent increase.

Based on the current figures, Dr. Maya Choshen, from the Jerusalem Statistics Institute, believes the haredi sector will continue to increase as a percentage of the Jewish population.

According to an Institute survey, only 20% of the people who left the city in 1995-1996 were haredim. Choshen cited an older survey, which found that more haredim enter the city than leave it.

About 15,000 Jews leave the capital per year, she said, and only some 9,000 move to Jerusalem.



**Bring my brother home**

**Maurice Cohen poses in front of photograph of his older brother, Eli, the Israeli spy hanged in Damascus in 1965. Cohen yesterday unveiled an Internet website, www.elicohen.com, demanding the return of his brother's remains. The site reveals that Maurice had transmitted secret messages to Eli while he served in the IDF Intelligence Corps.** (Text: Amy Klein; Photo: Brian Hendler)

# Clalit seeks to block transfer of funds to gov't hospitals

By JUDY SIEGEL

Kupat Holim Clalit yesterday asked the Tel Aviv District Court to issue an order preventing the state from transferring allocations meant for the health funds to government hospitals.

Clalit's director, Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg, said his health fund would oppose any attempt to shift hundreds of millions of shekels – owed the health funds by the Treasury – to government hospitals, to which the health funds are indebted.

The Treasury has so far refused to hand over some NIS 600 million in payments and loans to the four health funds because their directors have not agreed to sign documents committing themselves to limitations on their budgets for 1999 without first having their sources of income defined.

The health funds' deficits have resulted in heavy debts to hospitals owned by the government, Kupat Holim Clalit itself and voluntary organizations such as the Hadassah Medical Organization and Shaare Zedek Hospital. Clalit argues that if forced to transfer all the Treasury money to the hospitals, the funds will have nothing left with which to function.

Meanwhile, Clalit, Meuhedet, Maccabi and Leumit yesterday presented to the Health Ministry their joint plans for emergency services in the event that they become unable to provide ongoing health services to their members.

The plan lists the locations of emergency clinics that would be run jointly by the four health funds in 112 places around the country, instead of each of the insurers operating its own clinics in each area. These clinics would offer family medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, light trauma without x-ray service and urgent lab tests. Services would be supplied at no charge.

# 'Jane's': US bans sale of sharp images of Israel

LONDON (AP) – Responding to pressure from Israel, the US government has banned commercial satellite companies from selling high-resolution images of Israel, according to reports in the current and upcoming issues of *Jane's Defense Weekly*.

Israel has long lobbied for restrictions on the sale of satellites that can depict images at three meters or closer, the military magazine said.

*Jane's* said the new compromise agreement prohibits US companies from selling images of Israel that have a resolution of better than two meters.

In return, the magazine said, Israel agreed to a US request that it maintain similar restrictions on photographs produced by the Ofek-3 spy satellite, as well as any other commercial satellites launched into orbit from Israel.

According to *Jane's*, the US Commerce Department on July 26 notified satellite companies, including Earthwatch, Orbital Sciences and Space Imaging, of the new restriction.

# Police question Marzel on anti-Weizman tirade

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Baruch Marzel was questioned by police for several hours yesterday afternoon about the verbal attack he directed against President Ezer Weizman on Sunday.

Marzel who was summoned by police for questioning on Monday, refused to appear, saying he would wait until the end of the seven-day mourning period for Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anan.

During his tirade, delivered when Weizman had come to the Ra'anan's home in Hebron to pay a *shiva* call, Marzel called the president a spy and a traitor.

Marzel told reporters yesterday that he had told police he would be happy to stand trial.

No one who would speak to US President Bill Clinton in a similar fashion would have to stand trial, but in Israel there is no democracy, he said.

Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said Marzel was questioned under caution. He said the investigation is nearly finished and police will transfer the file to the State Attorney's Office sometime next week, with a recommendation to press charges.

Yesterday evening settlers from the Hebron Jewish community held a memorial gathering at the Tel Rumeida enclave, where Ra'anan lived. The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza boycotted the gathering, fearing any provocative incidents.

During the gathering, several protesters called on Palestinian photographers representing foreign news agencies to leave the area.

Marzel's wife Sarah asked IDF soldiers at the site to remove the Palestinian photographers from the area, warning that otherwise, the Palestinians would be stoned.

Palestinians living in the Israeli-controlled sector of the city remained under curfew yesterday.

Earlier in the day members of Ra'anan's family and close friends prayed at his grave on the Mount of Olives.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem Police yesterday dispersed a group of right-wing activists demonstrating outside Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's home in Motza.

The group was supposed to leave by noon, and refused, said police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby, so police removed them. No one was arrested.

Right-wing activist Itamar Ben-Gvir was among the six protesters. Earlier this week police opened an investigation of Ben-Gvir, who allegedly called the defense minister a murderer at another demonstration outside his house on Saturday night.

Both police and right-wing activists denied foreign reports of a new Jewish underground that is planning to assassinate Mordechai, published yesterday in the London-based newsletter *Foreign Report*.

"That story is completely untrue," said Noam Federman, one of the protesters.

The group will stage more protests outside Mordechai's house, if they get permission from police, he said.

*Amy Klein contributed to this report.*


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# Levy: 80 schools still unsafe

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Some 80 schools nationwide still face serious safety problems, and will be kept closed if they are not repaired by the first day of school on Tuesday, Education Minister Yitzhak Levy said yesterday.

"Almost everything has been taken care of. Out of some thousands of buildings, there are still about 80 left that the local authorities are taking care of. I think by next week almost all of them will be ready," Levy said at a press conference in Tel Aviv marking the opening of the new school year.

Some 220 schools had received warning letters about safety hazards, Levy said, with repairs made in 90 of them. Of the remaining 130, 80 have "serious" safety problems, the minister said, adding: "If a school is not ready by the time the school year opens, the pupils will not be allowed to enter it."

However, Union of Local Authorities in Israel officials issued a statement yesterday saying that the ministry had failed to provide a budget to replace some 300 classrooms scheduled for use this year that are designated as high fire risks.

Shmuel Abuav, chairman of the ULA's education committee, said that instead of the NIS 450 million the ULA believes is needed to repair existing safety hazards in the schools, the ministry has only allocated NIS 200m., "so during this school year, hundreds of educational institutions will open with safety problems."

Despite the ongoing financial dispute with the teachers, Levy said he thought the chances of school opening on time "are good, although I don't have any specific news in this regard. But I hope that negotiations [between the ministry, the teachers and the Treasury] will be wrapped up and we will be able to announce that classes will start on time."

While Levy's press conference was going on, a group of several dozen disabled youngsters and adults belonging to the "Bizchut" [By right] organization demonstrated, demanding greater access to the nation's schools for youngsters and their parents.



Disabled youngsters from the Bizchut organization yesterday put their demands for greater access in schools to Education Minister Yitzhak Levy and the media. Just 30 percent of schools in Israel were built with access for the disabled. (Israel Sun)

One wheelchair-bound youngster held a sign reading: "Yitzhak Levy! Don't put obstacles in front of a disabled boy."

Chana Cohen of Holon said that she and her husband were both wheelchair-bound and had two children studying at the city's Elon junior high school. "I don't know how my son's school looks," she said. "I have to wait for all the other parents to finish talking to the teacher, and then she shouts to me from the window what's going on with my children. I want access to the school, I want to participate like any mother."

The press conference was interrupted early on when police, trying to restrain representatives of the demonstrators from entering, finally relented at Levy's request, and admitted a spokeswoman along with 22-year-old Yoav Kreim, a wheelchair-bound youth currently studying community education at Beit Berl.

Kreim, who was allowed to sit directly between the minister and Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled, told the minister that by denying the disabled proper access to the schools, "you are cutting us off from Israeli society. This matter shouldn't be the lowest on the priority list but the first, because we can also contribute, often much more than what we receive."

Addressing the issue of access for the disabled, Levy said 30% of the buildings in the school system, built since 1984, already have access for the disabled, and work is underway to improve the situation in older buildings.

"In many of the old schools we have taken steps, such as making improvements on the first floor, so it's incorrect to say that 70% of the schools are inaccessible. We are heading towards a situation in which all the school buildings will be accessible to the disabled, but this takes time and requires a larger budget."

But after hearing ministry officials' presentations on the matter, Kreim still termed the situation "gloomy."

During the presentation of other ministry plans for the school year, Deputy Director-General Menahem Cohen revealed that efforts are being made to locate some 250,000 members of the Jewish population who are illiterate, and help them find programs where they can learn to read and write.

In outlining this year's theme for the school year, "The right to respect and the duty to respect," Levy noted it would be used to encourage attempts to reduce violence in the schools. "I think this is one of the central subjects in Israeli society today. There are polls indicating that this disturbs people more than the security situation," Levy said.

Violence is on the increase in our schools, Levy declared, and all schools will be required to submit plans for programs aimed at reducing violence. However the minister said that the problem cannot be separated from that in Israeli society as a whole.

"We all have to join the fight against violence: the family, the politicians, businessmen, drivers," he said. "You can't cut the pupils off [from the rest of society], and have them act properly in school but then see violence all around them, including in the films we show."

## NEWS *in brief*

### Ya'acobi to leave Electric Corp. in November

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon announced yesterday that Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the board of the Israel Electric Corp., would leave his post on November 15, six months early. Ya'acobi was appointed by the Labor government and Sharon has been seeking to replace him with Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau. Sharon praised the way Ya'acobi filled his role, particularly mentioning his raising $1.5 billion through the company's first-ever US bond issue. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

### Police nab guards suspected of break-ins

Jerusalem police on Wednesday arrested two men from the "Moked 99" security agency, Michel Ben-David and Shimon Benita, on suspicion that they broke into places of business they were assigned to guard and were involved in drug dealing on a large scale. Police believe other people from the company were also involved.

During the remand hearing yesterday, it emerged that Ben-David had served in the police for 10 years. It was said he has a criminal background and that there are cases pending against him for attacking a policeman and making threats. The remands were extended for five days. *Itim*

### Fake anti-impotence drug taken off market

All packages of Men's Choice and Ener Choice, food products containing 48% vodka plus herbs and spices meant for "relieving impotence and lack of energy," will be taken off all pharmacy and health-food store shelves in two days, the Health Ministry announced yesterday. The decision was reached by mutual agreement with the developer of the illegal product, naturopath Haim Barak, during a two-hour meeting yesterday with ministry legal advisers and Food Service division officials.

Barak will stop making medical claims for the products and completely reconstitute them so they contain no more than the legal limit of 2% alcohol. The ministry learned of the illegal claims from *The Jerusalem Post* this week and immediately called Barak in for a hearing. *Judy Siegel*

### State Attorney's Office investigating Raviv

The State Attorney's Office is investigating Avishai Raviv, but it is not yet ready to bring him to trial on his alleged role in the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. This was the State Attorney's Office's response to right-wing activist Ron Torrosian's petition to the High Court of Justice that Raviv be tried. The High Court is to announce its decision on Sunday. *Itim*

### Russian dog makes aliya

After spending 10 days in a Helsinki pound, Tomeh was reunited with his owners at Ben-Gurion Airport last night. Yevgeny and Valery Kokolva, who immigrated from Russia two weeks ago, lost their dog Tomeh at the Helsinki airport on their way here. Airport and security staff located the dog several days later, and the Jewish Agency arranged Tomeh's flight to Israel. *Itim*

# Judges okays Harlem 'Million Youth March'

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – A federal judge has rejected New York City's efforts to block the controversial "Million Youth March," set for September 5 in Harlem, saying organizers have a right to free speech in the "mecca" for Afro-Americans.

Mayor Rudy Giuliani, with the support of Jewish groups, vowed to appeal the ruling, calling the event a "hate march" and accusing the organizers of "race-baiting and antisemitic rhetoric."

The march organizer is Khalid Abdul Muhammad, who was dismissed as spokesman for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan after a 1993 speech in which he called Jews "bloodsuckers."

Muhammad subsequently founded the New Black Muslim Movement and the New Black Panther Party.

The city had said the march should not be held in Harlem, because it posed a threat to public safety. Instead, it proposed sites in the Bronx.

The organizers had accused the city of violating their constitutional right to free speech, and in a ruling Wednesday US District Judge Lewis Kaplan agreed. He said the city's decisions on who can obtain permits for street events were arbitrary.

He also said the alternative sites were unacceptable because they were remote and would "adversely affect" the organizers' ability "to get their message out."

"It is imperative this takes place in Harlem," Kaplan said. "Harlem is centrally located, and it is the national-international mecca for people of African descent."

However, he also acknowledged that organizers made "bigoted comments about another group."

Giuliani derided the judge's decision. "The judge said he was sure the Police Department could handle it," he said. "The police commissioner isn't sure, and he knows a little more about the Police Department than the judge does."

Although the event is billed as a "Million Youth March" – mimicking Farrakhan's "Million Man March" in Washington in 1995, the organizers said they expect no more than 175,000 to attend.

Organizers originally billed the march as an event promote strength and unity among black youths.

However, the tone became menacing once the city denied the permit, and organizers indicated they would invite gang members.

# Anne Frank Fund said hoarding diary royalties

By WILLIAM J. KOLE

AMSTERDAM (AP) – Millions of dollars in royalties from *The Diary of Anne Frank* are languishing in Swiss banks when they should be used to spread her words, the man holding five newly discovered diary pages charged yesterday.

Cor Suijk startled the world this week by demanding money in exchange for the five handwritten diary pages he says Anne's father, an old friend, gave him shortly before his death in 1980.

But in an interview yesterday, Suijk said the real villain was the Anne Frank Fund, based in Basel, Switzerland, which holds the copyright to the internationally best-selling diary.

"They've been hoarding money – millions – in Switzerland.

It should be put to a better purpose than to be stashed away in a Swiss bank," said Suijk, international director of the New York-based Anne Frank Center USA.

Donors increasingly are becoming aware that the royalties are going untapped, and, as a result, gifts to pay for an Anne Frank exhibition that tours the United States are shrinking, Suijk said.

No one at the Swiss fund was available to comment until late yesterday, a woman answering the phone there said, declining to give her name.

The Anne Frank Fund in Basel differs from the Amsterdam-based Anne Frank Foundation, which manages the canal house where the young Jewish diarist and her family hid from the Nazis for two years until they were betrayed and hauled off to concentration camps.

Suijk, 74, former financial director of the Amsterdam foundation, said he was prepared to turn over the pages to the Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, which researches and edits the diary and wants to print them in its next edition.

"But if I'm in a position to change the course of the Anne Frank Fund" and free up royalty money so it can be used to teach more people about the horrors of the Holocaust, "I want to do that," Suijk said.

The fuss over the newfound pages, whose very existence was revealed only a week ago, took a new turn Wednesday when an Amsterdam newspaper published excerpts from three of them on its front page.

The Anne Frank Fund said it had its lawyers on the case, presumably to investigate possible copyright infringement.

The newspaper, *Het Parool*, said it considered the pages news and felt bound by no copyright.

In the three pages, Anne anguishes over what she considers her parents' nearly loveless marriage.

"What has their marriage become? ... Father is not in love. He kisses her as he kisses us (children). ... He looks at her teasingly and mockingly but never lovingly. ... She loves him as she loves no other and it is difficult to see this kind of love always unanswered," they read in part.

At one point, Anne also writes about her determination to make sure nobody would ever get his hands on her diary, prompting speculation that she never wanted it to be published in the first place.

Scholars, however, point out that Anne aspired to be a great writer and had begun rewriting and polishing her diary before her family was betrayed into the hands of the Nazis in August 1944.

Anne died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp just weeks before it was liberated in the spring of 1945. Her diary, first published in 1947, has become a modern literary classic translated into dozens of languages.

# Polish president slams Auschwitz cross campaign

KRAKOW (Reuters) – Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski yesterday denounced as politically motivated a campaign by radical Catholics to erect crosses at Auschwitz.

He told a news conference here that dozens of recently erected crosses at the site should be removed, while a seven-meter cross under which Polish-born Pope John Paul II prayed in 1979 should remain.

"This is a political activity, which is unacceptable both for us and for our Jewish partners," he said.

Jewish groups at home and abroad have criticized the cross campaign as undignified and divisive.

The crosses were erected by right-ist nationalist groups who say they are in memory of 152 Poles shot outside Auschwitz by German troops.

The campaign began in July to protest the planned removal of the papal cross in line with the Polish government's agreements with Jewish organizations.

But critics have denounced the campaigners for encouraging anti-Jewish feeling and embarrassing Poland internationally.

Polish bishops have proposed a ceremonial removal of all but the largest "papal" cross on September 14, in a move which the Polish government hopes will end the crisis.


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# Hunting the demons

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

The main headlines from South Africa yesterday reported FBI agents arriving to cooperate with local police in the hunt for the bombers of Planet Hollywood on Cape Town's waterfront.

Meanwhile, in one of those little crannies of the news briefs lurked an unrelated police item – some 30 South African officers are being sent off to their training college in Paarl on a course to orient them toward X-Files crime, witchcraft, satanism, occult murders, sects offenses (but no aliens).

The rise in occult crime that requires specialist police training is mainly a native tribal phenomenon but, as a symptom of millennium fever, it has appeared in certain groups of neo-Gothic white teenagers. The occult crime unit was founded in 1992 by a former serious-crimes detective, Col. Kobus Jonker, who had a special eccentric interest in matters satanic.

In his book *Satanism Exposed*, Jonker wrote in 1992: "South Africa stands on the threshold of a new century with numerous problems looming on the horizon. AIDS, drugs, overpopulation, political change, unrest, poverty, unemployment, pollution, and immorality are the order of the day. Even the devil seems to be making a revolutionary re-appearance."

## Grim reality

Most South Africans would consider the bombing of a theme restaurant in the fun-loving and carefree Cape Town waterfront to be as revolutionary satanic an act as they had hoped never to encounter in the new democracy – yet another nail in the coffin of African innocence. There is a three-year-old British boy, Jacob Giddings, with a shattered spine and his eight-year-old sister, Laura, with no left foot. There was a witness scarred for ever by the sight of "a woman without legs, people without kneecaps."

South Africa has come into the modern world with a vengeance in a very short time. It is still a country in a frenzy of evolution, with no clear image of the final beast that will dominate the land. While trying to consolidate its national stability, it has been blasted into the international terrorist news alongside Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

Until something like this happens, and if the news from so-called emerging markets is not economic, most of the world doesn't want to know. Free-market frenzy is pumping out an alarmingly lopsided view of how the complex spirit of a society is formed. The Russian ruble has replaced the Russian soul as the measure of the nation's greatness. In the West, money is now God. And Satan, the eternal chameleon, is currently disguised as a terrorist.

## Moslems and Moslems

Increasingly, that word "terrorist" is becoming synonymous with "Moslem," a sinister demonization in itself, which should be starting to alarm everybody. In recent times, terrorist bombs have been Basque, Irish, American, Ugandan, Indian, and of many other varieties than Moslem. Let us honor the diversity in all things, even in the crime of terrorism.

"The South African Moslem community condemns in the strongest possible terms the bombing of the restaurant in Cape Town," said an immediate statement signed by 18 native Moslem organizations. Yet it was one wacko claim by someone using the name of Moslems Against Global Oppression that is continuously reported, and used as the basis for speculation that Cape Town was revenge for American attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan.

In fact, South African police quickly formed an idea of whom they were looking for. The gunpowder pipe bomb left on the floor of the restaurant Tuesday night was similar to ones already used in a long-standing war between drug gangs and Moslem anti-crime vigilantes in Cape Town. If it was a revenge attack against a soft American-connected target, it probably was a maverick cowboy action rather than evidence of "the international terrorist conspiracy."

Crime has been the curse of the new South Africa, not terrorism. South Africa's half-million Moslems, living mostly in the Cape region and of Asian or mixed-race origin, are generally modern and sophisticated, but increasingly radicalized groups do inhabit the fringes.

## Un-African activities

The end of apartheid did not apparently convert the Cape radicals to democracy – caught in a racial no man's land, they were never white enough for the whites under apartheid, and fear they will not be black enough for the blacks in the new order. Yet these are localized gripes and it seems unlikely many radical Moslems want to integrate into any international activist network, such as Osama bin Laden's.

As for the attitude of most South Africans, there probably is no such thing in such a rainbow society. Many certainly expressed initial understanding for Moslem vigilante actions against drug dealers and criminals, without condoning the summary executions that followed.

The mood changed somewhat with the occasional appearance of arrogant and gun-toting Hizbullah types with faces hidden in keffiyehs, and if the Planet Hollywood bomb has a Moslem connection, it may raise wariness of radical Islam's un-African activities a further notch.

This is South Africa, after all, where tolerance of diversity is a national mantra. Even the police may be happier hunting fake witch doctors and wannabe satanists than the really bad nasties of international terrorism.

# Controversial UN weapons inspector resigns

By NICOLE WINFIELD

UNITED NATIONS (AP) – A top UN arms expert who resigned warned yesterday that the failure of the US and the Security Council to take a tougher stand on Iraq will allow Baghdad to keep its weapons of mass destruction.

Scott Ritter, a seven-year veteran of the UN inspection team, said he quit the UN Special Commission on Wednesday because he believes Washington and the council are seeking only to maintain sanctions against Iraq and not disarm it.



Scott Ritter (AP)

"If we continue down this path, there will be a compromise solution," Ritter said in an interview. "The special commission will be compelled to close files prematurely, and the result will be that Iraq will be allowed to maintain the weapons of mass destruction which they were called upon to get rid of by the Security Council."

Ritter resigned in a scathing letter which accused the council of making a mockery of inspections and accused the US and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan of surrendering to Baghdad's whim.

His departure was a victory for Iraq, which has long called him an "American spy" and in January blocked his team from carrying out inspections.

Ritter, 37, a retired captain in the Marines, was frequently the chief inspector on field missions in Iraq and an expert in looking for information and evidence about weapons that Baghdad claimed it didn't have.

His resignation comes at a time when inspections have been paralyzed by Iraq's decision to stop cooperating with UN inspectors, who must certify that Iraq has destroyed its banned weapons before sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 will be lifted.

The council's decision not to take stronger action after Iraq froze cooperation on August 5 "makes a mockery of the mission the staff of the Special Commission have been charged with implementing," Ritter wrote in his letter of resignation.

Ritter's letter singled out the US, accusing it of at least implicitly surrendering to Baghdad by not fighting for inspectors' unrestricted access to suspected weapons sites.

*The Washington Post* reported yesterday that the US on at least six occasions had persuaded Ritter's boss, chief weapons inspector Richard Butler, to rescind orders for surprise searches to avoid confrontation with Baghdad.

In January, US ambassador to the UN Bill Richardson asked Butler to withdraw Ritter entirely from Iraq, the *Post* said. Butler complied immediately, though Ritter later returned to conduct an inspection.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has acknowledged that she argued against one unannounced inspection, but said her goal was to avoid a deep split in the Security Council.

CBS reported Wednesday that the FBI is investigating Ritter for allegedly showing classified information about Iraq's weapons to Israel.

An FBI spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny the CBS report, and Ritter declined to discuss the reported investigation.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James Foley saluted Ritter for "an admirable job under difficult, even dangerous circumstances." There was no reaction to his criticism of the United States.

Fred Eckhard, a spokesman for Annan, denied the UN chief had acted at the behest of Iraq.

# Fears of flooding as Bonnie downgraded

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) – Bonnie was downgraded to a tropical storm yesterday as it dragged itself slowly across eastern North Carolina, pouring up to 10 inches of rain on parts of the coastal plain.

Since charging ashore with 115 mph winds on Wednesday, Bonnie had quickly slowed to a crawl and gradually lost strength. Yesterday morning, its sustained wind was down to 65 mph, below the minimum hurricane strength of 74 mph.

There were no reports of widespread damage, injuries, or deaths, though nearly 500,000 people had been ordered to evacuate in North and South Carolina. Nearly 400,000 customers lost power in the two states. Tornadoes in Beaufort and Tyrell counties caused only scattered damage.

"We could not be more relieved this morning," Richard Moore, North Carolina's secretary of crime control and public safety, said at a briefing.

However, there was a possibility it could drop up to 16 inches of rain, forecasters said.

President Bill Clinton said he had declared North Carolina a disaster area, making it eligible for an infusion of federal money. "This is good news to know we'll have the full resources of the federal government behind us," Gov. Jim Hunt said.

"I was thinking, why us?" said Dr. William Salling, a Wrightsville Beach dentist, as he removed plywood covering his living room windows yesterday morning. "Why not us? We're better at it than anyone else."

While severe flooding was still only a threat, the Neuse River was already out of its banks at New Bern, near the central North Carolina coast. Many streets were impassable and 770 people were in shelters, said Woody Maness, Craven County's assistant director of emergency services.

The Pamlico River was over its banks at Washington in Beaufort County, more than 100 miles northeast of Wilmington, and water closed major highways near New Bern and eastward to Morehead City on Bogue Sound.



President Clinton looks back as he boards Air Force One at the Martha's Vineyard Airport in West Tisbury, Mass. yesterday. Clinton, who has been vacationing on the Massachusetts island, traveled to Worcester, Mass. to make an address concerning school violence. (AP)

# Clinton tries to refocus attention on policy

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) – Trying to shift attention away from his personal problems, President Bill Clinton ventured out from his vacation yesterday to introduce a new guide to help prevent school violence. He did not speak about Monica Lewinsky, as some prominent Democrats have urged.

Clinton, in his first public appearance since admitting an inappropriate relationship with Lewinsky, also ordered the expansion of the Police Corps to provide more college scholarships with preference given to the children of police officers killed in duty.

Republicans said in advance that Clinton's trip was a futile mission that he cannot shed the image of having "wagged his finger and lied in the face of every American," as the party's chairman put it.

Clinton, who left his Martha's Vineyard vacation to deliver the speech, got a warm airport welcome from high school students who were given the morning off school. Massachusetts' two Democratic US senators and four Democratic congressmen turned out to greet him as well.

But there were reminders of the Lewinsky investigation wherever he went.

As the president's motorcade traveled along, bystanders waved and smiled but one held up a sign that said, "Mr. Clinton, time to resign." Signs held above the crowd outside the hall where Clinton spoke registered opinions both pro and con. Two of the latter read, "Liar, cheat resign," and "You lied to the Am people and defanted those who called you to account."

At the airport, students were talking among themselves about the president's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Olga Papadopoulos, 16, said she didn't really blame Clinton, adding, "He's just a person. Everybody makes mistakes." Dan Lodi, 17, chimed in to add: "But I don't think he should have lied to us."

The presidential trip came amid increasing pressure from prominent Democrats that Clinton make some further explanation, even an apology, for his relationship with Lewinsky.

Officials conceded that while no decision has been made, the possibility of a further presidential explanation is on the table.

"He's got to sort that advice out himself," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy dismissed the suggestions that Clinton needs to speak out further about the Lewinsky matter.

"I think people want to move on," he told reporters. "They want to have a president who's going to lead."

Many Democrats worry that Clinton's televised address to the nation last week struck the wrong note, opening with an admission of guilt and regret for misleading the nation, then veering into a bitter attack on Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who is investigating whether Clinton may have tried to obstruct justice in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

Facing midterm elections in November, many congressional Democrats are distancing themselves from Clinton and refusing to defend him against talk of resignation or impeachment.

"He needs to get it behind him as soon as he can and then say, 'I'm not going to talk about it,'" said Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, the Democratic national committee chairman.

Anticipating a report to Congress from Starr, some of Clinton's political advisers want to send lawmakers their own report to counter some of the prosecutor's conclusions.

Such a move would be designed to provide Clinton's Democratic allies on Capitol Hill with ammunition to argue against starting impeachment proceedings in the Lewinsky case – and to influence public perceptions too, officials said.

# Reno orders new probe into Gore fund-raising

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – US Attorney General Janet Reno has begun a second investigation into Vice President Al Gore's fund-raising activities, a step that could lead to an independent counsel, according to court documents released yesterday.

The court documents did not give details, but Reno said in a statement the investigation would consider Gore's statements made last year about the political fund-raising calls he placed from the White House that might violate campaign finance laws.

"The authority of the attorney general to conduct preliminary investigations permits us to allow us to ensure that any decision to appoint an independent counsel would be based on a thorough analysis," Reno said.

"During the preliminary investigation, I will consider the facts and I will consider the law, but I will consider nothing else," said Reno, who has faced political pressure from Republicans in Congress to name an independent counsel to investigate alleged fund-raising abuses by the Clinton-Gore reelection campaign in 1996.

The new 90-day investigation presented new legal and political problems for Gore, who is the leading Democratic presidential candidate for the 2000 election. His spokesman has said that all of Gore's actions "were legal and proper."

Reno said she decided to reopen the issue of Gore's telephone fund-raising calls after receiving new information from his lawyers at the end of July.


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Congolese cheer government soldiers patrolling the city of Kinshasa yesterday. (AP)

# Gov't troops push back Congo rebels

By IAN STEWART

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) – Government troops claimed yesterday to have pushed back the rebel forces that had infiltrated parts of Congo's capital, taking hundreds of prisoners.

Sporadic gunbattles erupted in downtown Kinshasa, but the city was much quieter than on Wednesday, when artillery battles raged in its suburbs.

In eastern Congo, the death toll in a weekend massacre rose to 207 people, the Vatican missionary service Fides reported. It said the rebel attackers apparently suspected locals of supporting government forces. A priest and three nuns were among those slaughtered Sunday in the remote area near Uvira. In the south, 22 US missionaries fled into Zambia to escape the fighting, according to Zambian reports.

The rebels – a coalition of Tutsis from eastern Congo, Rwandan soldiers and disenchanted members of President Laurent Kabila's own military – are determined to take Kinshasa and oust Kabila, who they accuse of mismanagement and corruption.

They face a formidable task, considering that Kabila has recruited Angolan, Zimbabwean and Namibian troops for his defense.

Some rebel gunmen have apparently moved into central Kinshasa, where several men were killed yesterday by government forces, witnesses said.

The city awoke today to the sound of gunfire during a brief pre-dawn clash in the city center. Bullets could be heard ricocheting off buildings near the French Embassy.

A military commander said the fighting was part of a government operation to flush out suspected rebel gunmen. Most residents stayed inside while platoons of soldiers patrolled empty streets.

"Hundreds of prisoners have been taken as part of our operations to crush this aggression," Information Minister Didier Mumengi said yesterday.

Officials took journalists to the airport today to prove it remained in government hands, but heavy fighting could be heard between the airport and the capital, 12 miles away.

Kabila has mostly kept out of public view since the fighting began more than three weeks ago, but Mumengi said the president was in the capital.

# Paralysis threatens Russian markets

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Paralysis crept through Russia's battered financial system yesterday, the government fought for support and the West warned it would bail the country out only if radical reforms were launched.

Beyond its borders, Russia's financial crisis fueled fears of a global economic downturn and rocked markets worldwide.

President Boris Yeltsin stayed away from the capital at his country residence as pressure grew on him to resign. His office hotly denied rumors that he had in fact stepped down.

"I would like the Russian public, the Russian and foreign media to calm down," spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said. "The president's resignation has been and is out of the question."

The Russian central bank suspended all foreign currency trade on the main exchange for the second successive day on yesterday because of fears that the ruble was going into free fall. Trading would not resume today, it said.

Within minutes of yesterday's opening on the Interbank Currency Exchange, traders had bid 8.2 rubles to the dollar against an offered rate of 9.5, after the bank had tried to set an artificial rate of 7.86.

Russia's main share index, the RTS1-Interfax, fell 13 percent against the previous close to its lowest recorded level, 66.46 points. The market briefly suspended trade.

Acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin returned to Moscow after talks in Ukraine with Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund. Russia's representative to the IMF said Camdessus and Chernomyrdin had not discussed new credits.

Chernomyrdin then went into frantic talks to secure parliamentary support for his nomination as premier. He has said he will continue reforms, but is also holding talks on forming a coalition government, perhaps with the communist opposition.

Alexander Shokhin, head of Chernomydin's parliamentary party, said a document being drawn up by the acting government and parliament's lower house would contain ideas made less "exotic" by the worsening of the financial situation.

"There will be demand for control on the currency market: administrative control, and perhaps even a temporary closure of the market, with a canceling of internal convertibility of the ruble," Shokhin said.

A proposal being drawn up by representatives of both houses of parliament and the government is for Yeltsin to hand some of the president's vast powers to parliament in return for immunity from any attempt to prosecute him once he steps down.

Parliament, scenting blood, wants Yeltsin to sign the deals before it will approve Chernomyrdin's candidacy as prime minister.

Economists said risks were growing of global deflation, possibly even a worldwide recession, and they saw little that Russian authorities could do.

"There's still a lot of fireworks to come," said one derivatives specialist at a US bank in London. "When a superpower is going to be bankrupt... who knows what can happen?"

The Russian government is likely to announce details of a short-term ruble debt restructuring plan today, a Finance Ministry official said.

Germany, Russia's biggest creditor, led Western countries in warning Moscow it would receive no cash bail-out without sweeping economic reform.

"Without the reforms it will not be possible to mobilize money either from international financial organizations or from Germany," Chancellor Helmut Kohl said.

France echoed Bonn, saying the international community was convinced it needed to help, but Moscow had to push through more reforms. The financial crisis looked set to dominate a long-delayed summit between Yeltsin and US President Bill Clinton next week.

# Libya requests more time to hand over suspects

CAIRO (AP) – Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi yesterday demanded guarantees from the US and Britain that they will not play "tricks" if he surrenders two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

He said he expects the two countries to impose conditions "to make the trial impossible." He said Libya and the Western countries must work out the details before any trial in the Netherlands takes place.

"More details must be clear. You cannot say give us these people quickly. They are not tins of fruit," Gaddafi said in an interview with CNN.

For more than six years, Libya has been subjected to UN sanctions aimed at forcing Gaddafi to surrender two Libyan suspects in the attack over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, including 189 Americans.

On Wednesday, Libya accepted a US-British compromise to try the two suspects in the Netherlands, but also urged that UN sanctions against it be lifted.

But Libya did not say when the suspects might be moved to the Netherlands or when the trial might start.

There are likely to be intense behind-the-scenes negotiations during the coming weeks concerning details of any trial, which could still fall through.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council prepared yesterday to adopt a resolution that would suspend UN sanctions once the two Libyan suspects appear for trial.

A final draft was being considered, and a vote was possible later in the day, diplomats said.

These developments became possible after Washington and London agreed to allow the suspects a trial in the Netherlands under Scottish law, dropping their earlier insistence that any trial must be in Britain or the US.

Both sides see this as a victory. Libya has long demanded a trial on "neutral" ground, and America and Britain have long sought justice in the terrorist attack.

# S. African police detain 3 in Planet Hollywood bombing

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) – South African police said yesterday they had stopped three people boarding an international flight at Cape Town airport for questioning in connection with a fatal blast at a US-franchised restaurant this week.

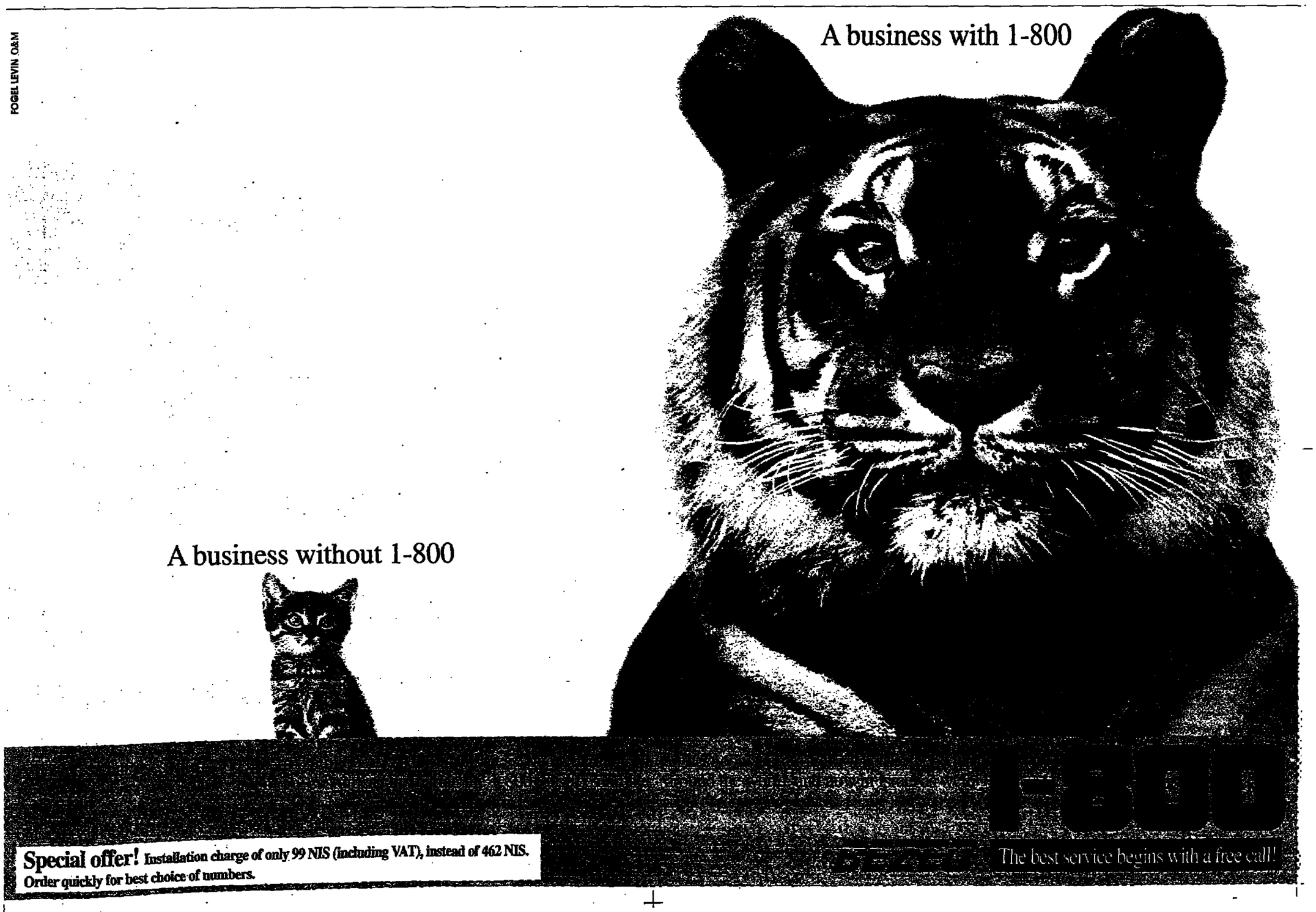
Spokesman John Sterrenberg said that police had prevented one man and two women from getting on a plane. A local radical Moslem vigilante group said in a message to reporters its members had been pulled off a plane.

One man died and at least 27 people were injured on Tuesday evening by a blast that ripped through Cape Town's busy Planet Hollywood restaurant in an attack which the authorities believe may be linked to US strikes on Sudan and Afghanistan.

Sterrenberg gave no more details about the three and said police had not yet decided whether to lay formal charges.

Abeida Roberts, a spokeswoman for the Moslem group known as People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, said those detained had been on their way to Egypt.

"They've arrested one of our brothers and his wife. He's on his way to a pilgrimage," she said. "They are innocent."

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# Saddam is the problem

US officials say they have firm evidence that not only was the Sudanese "pharmaceutical factory" the US bombed trying to produce deadly VX nerve gas, but that Iraqi scientists were involved. The problem is not the credibility of these claims – they are entirely believable – but that they highlight the collapsed US policy toward Iraq.

On the day US cruise missiles struck targets in Sudan and Afghanistan, President Bill Clinton explained that the US had sought to destroy the network of Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden, including a training camp for "literally thousands of terrorists from around the globe." The bombed Sudanese pharmaceutical plant was reportedly financed by bin Laden.

There is no doubt that bin Laden and his network, after he had explicitly threatened to kill American civilian and military personnel, was a legitimate target for an act of American self-defense. But by any measure, bin Laden is small fry in the spectrum of threats to American interests.

No "private" terrorist organization, however well financed, can compare in its menacing potential to a nation state with a supply of oil, sitting on the Persian Gulf, and run by an aggressive dictator who has already demonstrated his disregard for international law and human life.

It was Saddam Hussein, after all, that Clinton spoke of in his State of the Union address in January, stating that "You have used weapons of mass destruction before; we are determined to deny you the capacity to use them again."

At that time, the US had a formidable display of force arrayed in the Persian Gulf, ready to strike if the Iraqis did not allow UN inspections to resume.

After UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan negotiated an agreement that averted military conflict at that time, the US pushed for a UN Security Council resolution threatening "severest consequences" if the inspections were once again interrupted.

Today marks the 22nd day since challenge inspections have ceased in Iraq.

Iraqi deputy prime minister Tareq Aziz openly states that Iraq will block challenge inspections unless sanctions are lifted. Yet this time, blatant Iraqi defiance of the UN Security Council in general and of the US in particular is being met with the diplomatic equivalent of a wet noodle. The Security Council issued a statement saying the Iraqi inspection suspension was "totally unacceptable." In practice, the opposite seems to be the case.

Though US officials deny it, it is evident that US policy has shifted from one of denying Saddam Hussein weapons of mass destruction through the inspection regime, to a theoretical threat of retaliation if he should resume his full-scale development of such weapons. This shift in policy is marked by a new US emphasis on maintaining sanctions against Iraq rather than ensuring effective inspections.

US claims to the contrary, Iraq's current main objective is not the lifting of UN sanctions, but the ending of inspections. Iraq, after all, already can sell more oil than it can produce under the UN-supervised oil-for-food program. Though Iraq would no doubt prefer to be free of this restriction as well, it is the prospect of revealing concealed weapons programs that concerns Saddam most.

In this respect, the charges of UNSCOM inspector Scott Ritter in his letter of resignation are extremely disturbing. Ritter states the "current decision by the Security Council and the secretary-general, backed at least implicitly by the United States, to seek a 'diplomatic' alternative to inspection-driven confrontation with Iraq ... constitutes a surrender to the Iraqi leadership that has succeeded in thwarting the stated will of the United Nations."

Ritter, more than most, knows that once Iraq is free of inspections the prospects of acting against Saddam's weapons programs are slim at best.

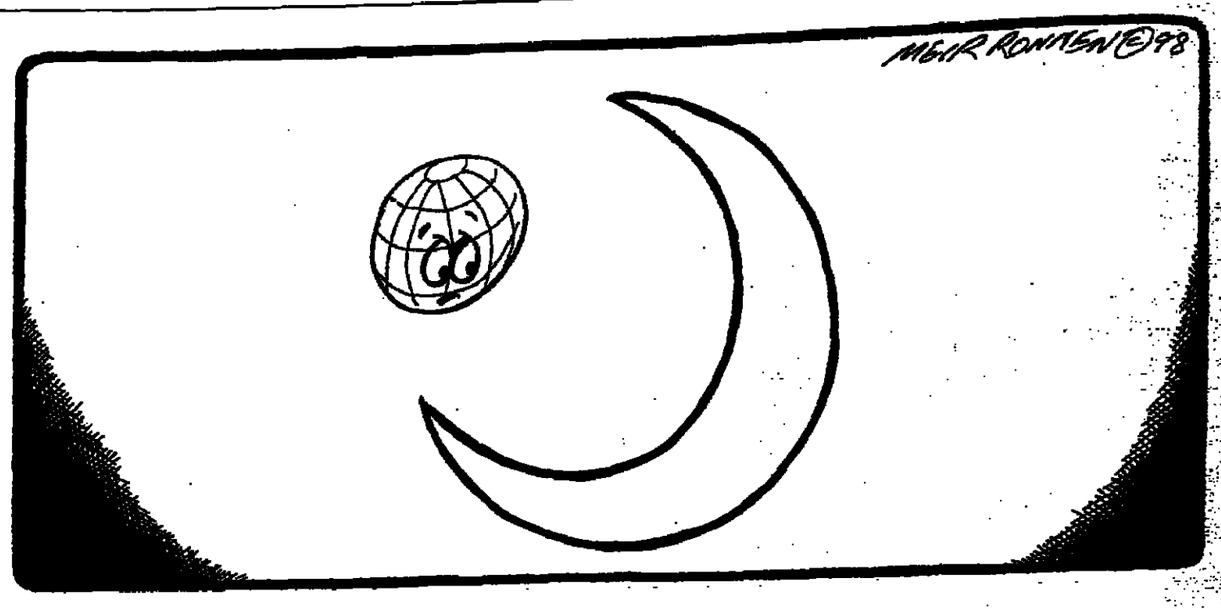
Cruise missiles can only hit what they can find, and the Gulf War and seven years of inspections demonstrated that finding Saddam's weapons will not be easy.

According to *The New York Times*, Khidir Hamza, a high-ranking defector from Iraq's nuclear program, recently declared that he was "stunned at how little the Americans and their allies knew about Iraq's program" and that "More than half of Iraq's major nuclear installations... were left largely untouched by the [Gulf War] bombing raids."

Current US policy seems to be built on the hope that Saddam will go away, or that he can be deterred against using the weapons he is being allowed to develop. This is a dangerous and irresponsible approach, rendered all the more unbelievable given the existence of a viable alternative.

The US need not choose between massive military strikes and diplomatic capitulation. The US can quickly cause Saddam more trouble than he can handle by supporting the Iraqi National Congress (INC), a broad-based opposition group that could establish an alternative government on Iraqi territory.

The time to help the Iraqi people confront Saddam and win their freedom is now, not when Saddam is essentially free of both inspections and the sanctions regime. A policy of appeasement or "deterrence" will only cause the threat from Saddam to grow; a policy of helping the Iraqi people oppose Saddam will certainly weaken him, and could well spell the end of his regime.




# No cause for celebration

**MOSHE ARENS**

There were celebrations in Oslo this week to mark the initiating of the agreement between Israel and the PLO five years ago, but there is no cause for celebration here.

Oslo was an agreement born in sin. Although bearing on Israel's future, its very existence, it was negotiated in secret, by unofficial representatives of Israel, without the knowledge of the Israeli government, and possibly even without the full knowledge of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

For Israel, it represented a complete reversal of previous government policies, and for the Labor Party, a retreat from positions represented to the electorate during the 1992 election campaign. There is little doubt that had Labor advocated negotiations with the PLO during the campaign, it would not have won those elections.

In terms of Israel's interests, the agreement was basically flawed and represents an error of historic proportions.

For years Israeli governments – Labor, Likud, and national unity – had maintained a policy of not negotiating with the PLO. The unity government headed by Yitzhak Shamir, with the support of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, who held key portfolios, called for negotiations with elected representatives of the Palestinian population in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza in its peace initiative of May 1989.

It was clear to all that negotiating with the PLO, an organization that insisted that it represented not only the Palestinians of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, but also millions of Palestinians in what they refer to as the "Palestinian diaspora," for whom they claim the "right to return" to homes abandoned in 1948, would imply a readiness to negotiate this issue of potentially destructive consequences to the State of Israel.

Israel stuck to its position in its negotiations leading up to the Madrid Conference, and that conference was convened based on the consent of all the leading participants that Israel would not negotiate with the PLO, but rather with Palestinian representatives from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

**The Oslo agreement was basically flawed and represents an error of historic proportions**

After the Madrid Conference, Israeli representatives conducted negotiations in Washington with such a Palestinian delegation.

It was behind the backs of the negotiators in Washington that the ill-fated talks in Oslo were secretly begun.

For obvious reasons, Yasser Arafat has not as yet pushed the "right of return" to the forefront of the current negotiations on the staged redeployment of the IDF in Judea and Samaria, but it is lying in wait to haunt Israel in the final status negotiations.

IT IS an indication of the inexperience and foolhardiness of the unofficial Israeli negotiators at Oslo that they did not realize what was surely obvious to Arafat, that agreeing to staged withdrawals from most of Judea and Samaria before the final status negotiations began was going to place Israel in a most disadvantageous position in these negotiations.

Our bargaining chips were given away before the crucial negotiations were to begin, while Arafat was given the message that Israel was reconciled to withdrawing to the lines that existed before the Six Day War.

Two additional serious errors were committed:

First, the traditional Israeli position on Jerusalem was abandoned. Menachem Begin had threatened to leave Camp David when the subject of Jerusalem was raised. All leading Israeli politicians, including Rabin and Peres, had repeatedly pledged that the status of Israel's capital would not be a subject of negotiations.

At Oslo this position, of cardinal importance to Israel and the Jewish people, was swept into the dustbin of history. Israel explicitly consented to Jerusalem being placed on the agenda of the final status negotiations.

Second, the agreement to turn the small town of Jericho and its surroundings over to Palestinian control violated the wide ranging and long standing Israeli consensus that the Jordan Valley and the Judean Desert must constitute Israel's security border. A hole, a few miles wide, was punched into that border at Oslo.

Rabin and Peres preferred to ignore the fact that the plan for resolving any aspect of the Arab-Jewish conflict must have the support of the majority of Israel's Jewish population if it is going to be sustainable.

The Oslo Accords did not have that support, as became clear to one and all when Binyamin Netanyahu beat Peres in the 1996 elections.

Although these elections returned to power a coalition of parties, led by the Likud, that had strongly objected to the Oslo Accords, much of the damage had already been done. Netanyahu was left with the unpleasant job of damage control.

One might add that it is not at all clear that the Oslo Accords were, of great benefit to the Palestinian population in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. They foisted upon them Yasser Arafat and his retinue from Tunis, a group not known for its adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, or clean government.

# The West must integrate its Russian policy

**SHLOMO AVINERI**

Relations between the West, primarily the United States, and Russia are currently running on two parallel, and completely separate, tracks: the economic and the political. This is absurd.

On the economic track, the structural crisis and eventual reform of the Russian economy are at the center of Western concern. Over the last few years, Western governments and institutions like the International Monetary Fund have provided tens of billions of dollars in assistance and credits to help the faltering reforms in Russia and sustain its political system – basically Boris Yeltsin's semi-authoritarian regime.

That Yeltsin's government has used tanks to suppress opposition from a legitimate, though deeply flawed, parliament and has been involved in what under different circumstances would have been viewed as an almost genocidal war in Chechnya was basically overlooked. The attempt at economic reform and relative political stability took precedence, as certainly it is not the West's interest to see Russia descend into total chaos.

As the recent financial and political crisis in Moscow suggests, Russia will continue to be dependent on Western economic support for many years to come.

Politically, however, Russia behaves differently in the international arena. Repeatedly, it has undermined American resolve and ability to put effective pressure on authoritarian and tyrannical regimes which have been engaged in aggression, ethnic cleansing, genocide, and internal repression of minorities.

**Russia's economic woes have to be used as a lever to make Moscow's foreign policy less obstructionist**

During the war in Bosnia, the Serbs were effectively protected by Moscow, with the ability of the US to threaten the use of force severely curtailed by Russia; the same is currently happening in Kosovo, where the US and NATO are effectively blocked by Russia from humanitarian intervention aimed at protecting a civilian population brutally oppressed by Belgrade.

And in the repeated crises with Iraq, the ability of the international community, headed by the US, to enforce effective control over Baghdad's attempts at non-conventional weapons development has been again and again frustrated by Russian diplomatic maneuvers.

IF ONE looks at these two parallel tracks, this is beginning to resemble a theater of the absurd: A country in deep economic difficulty, unable to pay its civil servants, workers, and military, is dictating the policies of the superpower on whose largesse it depends. The reason for this is that the two tracks are dealt with separately – one by financiers and economists, the other by foreign policy experts.

This has to stop. What is needed is clear leadership from Washington that will develop an overall strategic concept of how to deal in an integrated way with the economic and political challenges regarding Russia. Russia's economic woes have to be used as a lever to make Moscow's foreign policy less obstructionist.

This should be done gently – but firmly. There is no need to humiliate Russia publicly; the Russian people have suffered too many humiliations in the last decade. But there should be no free lunches either.

It is in the clear interest of the West to support the Russian attempts at economic reform and democratization. But there has to be a clear Russian quid pro quo. It should be made clear to Russian leaders – again, gently and not necessarily in a triumphalist way or by public ultimatum – that in return for generous financial aid, Moscow will have to rescind its implicit veto on American attempts to help the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, to impose painful costs on Iraq, including a measured threat of the use of force. Iraq's present regime is a threat to all its neighbors, and in no way should it be allowed to benefit form a Russian protective umbrella.

Being the sole super power, America should be aware of its responsibility. The Cold War is over, and it should not be renewed. Russia continues, despite its weakness, to be a major power, and should be treated accordingly, but its financial dependence is an opportunity that the West, headed by the US, has to use judiciously to ensure that ethnic cleansing and irresponsible non-conventional proliferation by tyrants should not be tolerated.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Sir, – Just a few days ago a probably lonely young woman was sitting in a cafe, talking to a man she had never met before, hoping that this meeting would lead to the fulfillment of her dreams for love and companionship.

Suddenly, a creature behind the wheel of an automobile dashed these dreams to eternal oblivion as the vehicle swerved into the front of the cafe, crushing her to death.

No important government official attended her funeral. Just another traffic fatality; ho hum, so what else is new?

I maintain that it is this cavalier attitude toward the carnage on the roads on the part of the the population in general and the politicians they elect which is responsible for so many innocent men, women and children being killed by reckless irresponsible drivers who are given far too much laissez faire by the police and leniency by the courts.

I wonder, for example, just what punishment the driver who killed this woman will receive. For that matter, what kind of a sentence do such murderers generally get? If justice is being done, it should be equivalent to that given to an adult, of sane mind, who plays with a loaded gun and accidentally shoots someone to death.

A few months ago a campaign for safe driving was conducted during which hundreds of violators were ticketed in only a few days, resulting in a clearly significant reduction in accidents.

The campaign didn't last long, but I'm sure it will be reinstated for just a short time when another spate of accidents again occurs on the roads.

This approach is called, "fire fighting," but the fire is burning too many innocent people to death!

Only when victims such as this tragic woman will be viewed by the public and by our leadership with the same heavy hearted anguish and determination to prevent such tragedies, as our fallen soldiers and our victims of Arab terror are viewed, that anything really effective will be done to curtail this persistent and increasing carnage on our roads.

*MELVYN MILLMAN*

Jerusalem.

### FATAH AND LIKUD

Sir, – Mark Heller claims that Fatah's failure to change its official constitution (August 21) is no worse than the Likud constitution, which still say that one of the Likud's goals is to "apply the State's sovereignty" to "all parts of the Land of Israel."

In fact, the Fatah constitution is filled with vicious hatred against Israel and incitement to violence; it is as different from the Likud constitution as night from day.

For example, Chapter 1, Article 4 of the Fatah constitution says that the Zionist movement is "racial, colonial and aggressive." The Likud constitution makes no comparable charges against the Palestinian Arab movement.

That the Likud is not serious about the ideals contained in its constitution is obvious from this Likud government's surrender of 85% of Hebron, release of imprisoned Arab terrorists, refusal to establish new Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria and constant offers to give Yasser Arafat additional territory.

By contrast, Fatah's continued adherence to principles in its constitution is obvious from the constant stream of statements from Fatah leaders (from Arafat on down) calling for jihad, praising the Hamas murderers, justifying Arab terrorist attacks against Israel and assuring the Arab public that the Oslo Accords are just "phase one" in the fulfillment of the PLO's 1974 "phased plan" for eradicating Israel in stages.

*HERBERT ZWEIBON*
*CHAIRMAN*
*Americans for a Safe Israel*

New York.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

*65 years ago:* On August 28, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that at the 18th Zionist Congress held in Prague Labor demanded, in the wake of Dr. Haim Arlosoroff's murder, an immediate expulsion of the Revisionists from the organization. The Revisionist speakers demanded a proclamation that the Jewish State was the sole solution of the Jewish problem and protested the watery resolution adopted against the Nazi Germany.

*25 years ago:* On August 28, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the quality of Tel Aviv's air had deteriorated alarmingly. The quantity of soot and smoke in the air was worse than in London and was as bad as Japan's second largest city, Osaka (population 3 million), according to Yosef Tamir of the Knesset Ecology Committee.

*Alexander Zvielli*

## POSTSCRIPT

ADMISSION TO Elizabeth Tashjian's museum is one nut.

The Nut Museum, in Old Lyme, Connecticut, is home to the world's largest nut, a 35-pound Coco-De-Mer grown on an island in the Indian Ocean.

This is not your typical museum, and neither are the dozens of others that California author Saul Rubin compiled into a book, *Offbeat Museums*.

Connecticut also has the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport, which preserves the memory of showman P.T. Barnum, and the Children's Garbage Museum in Stratford, designed to teach the young about recycling.

It gets zanier.

Like the Museum of Menstruation in Hyattsville, Md., dedicated to the female period and related topics, yet criticized, Rubin points out, because it is run by a man. The museum's collection includes mannequins sporting historical menstrual pads.

The Museum of Questionable Medical Devices in Minneapolis boasts 400 medical contraptions that chronicle a century of bogus science. Most of the gadgets, Rubin says, were sold to desperate patients looking for cures – such as the foot-operated breast enlarger, and Boyd's Battery, a device worn around the neck that could ward off the earth's magnetic rays.

The Cockroach Hall of Fame in Plano, Texas, run by an exterminator who keeps live and dead examples, features 100 Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches (which are registered with a local animal talent agency and are awaiting their first film roles).

The Barney Smith Toilet Seat Art Museum in San Antonio has 375 pieces of toilet seat art, like one decorated with ash from Mount St. Helens, and another with a piece of the Berlin Wall.

The Madison Museum of Bathroom Tissue in Wisconsin, with more than 3,000 rolls of toilet paper, would seem to complement this well.

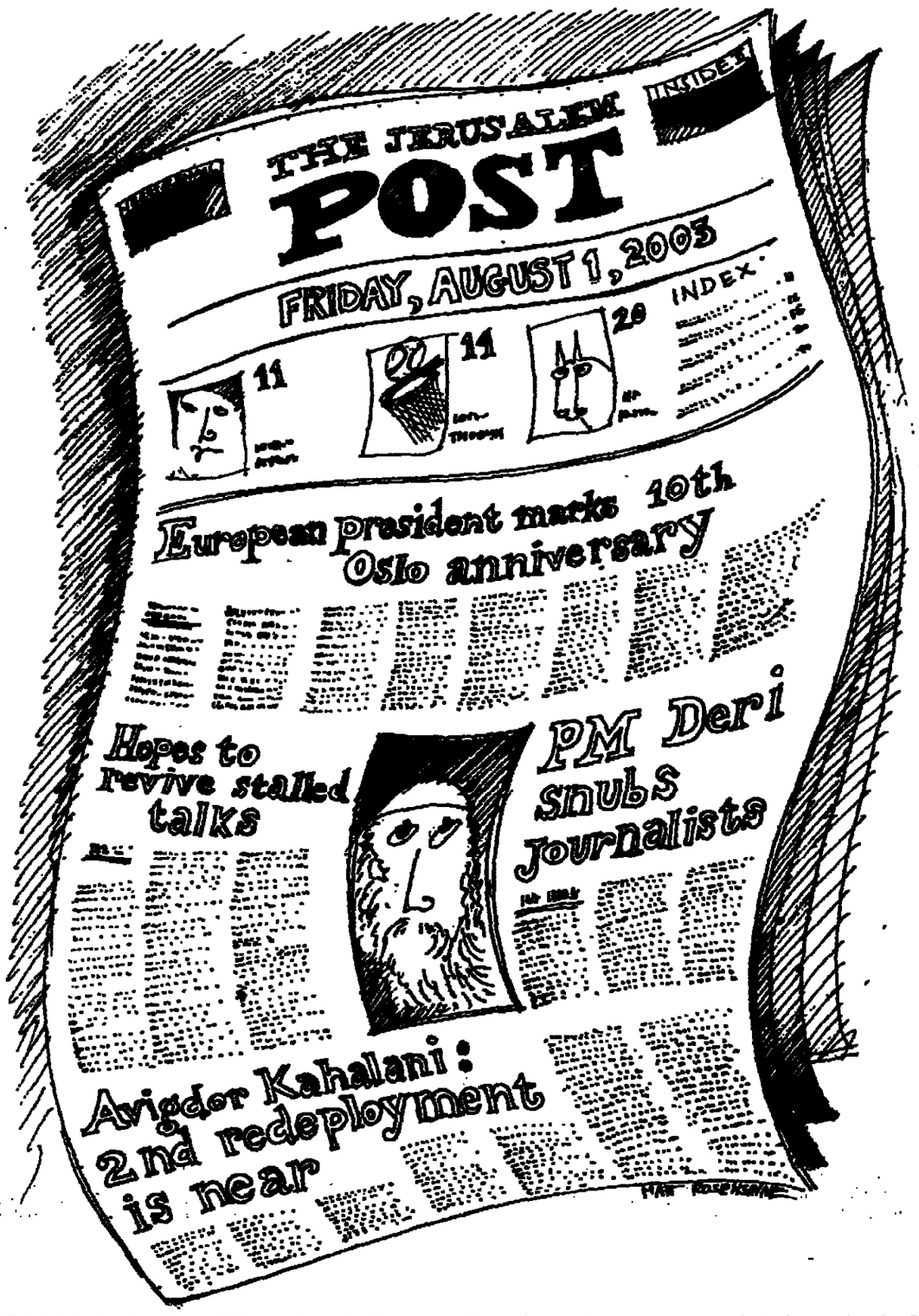
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# The more things change...

MARK A. HELLER




Sometimes your imagination runs away with you and you can't help thinking things you know are unthinkable. This week, I suddenly imagined that the Shopping Channel was offering a time machine that really works.

Unable to resist the temptation, I phoned in my order, took delivery the next day, and started to look at the newspapers of August 2003.

Here is what I found: Oslo – European President Mick Jagger addressed a gala dinner held last night to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Oslo Accords. Jagger came to the former capital of former Norway with a large contingent of former high-ranking officials and other celebrities, in the hope of breathing new life into the stalemated Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

He told the audience that, despite some difficulties, the Oslo

**A time-machine trip five years forward reveals a remarkably familiar situation**

Accords still hold out great hope for the peace that all the peoples of the region so ardently desire, and he chided those on both sides of the divide who do an injustice to the potential of Oslo by insisting on painting it black.

But despite Jagger's upbeat tone, there was little to suggest that the original spirit of Oslo would soon be revived. For one thing, the Israeli government registered its standoffish attitude by sending a low-level delegation headed by Prime Minister Aryeh Deri's adviser on relations with secular Jews and other *goyim*. Journalists who caught up with Deri at a rally in Ramat Gan in honor of Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie asked him about this decision. Deri ignored the question, but his spokesman later explained that the prime minister has no time for meaningless rituals and pointless ceremonies.

But veteran political analysts believe that the real reason for Deri's failure to attend was the strong objection of his main partner in the national unity government, former prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu is trying to draw former Likud voters back to the fold in advance of next year's election by promising to "restore our days as of old."

While veteran political analysts believe that there is little chance for the Likud to recoup its losses in the last election and regain the 22 seats it once had in the Knesset, Netanyahu can still threaten to defect to the largest opposition group, the National Religious Party. In an unguarded moment, Deri was overheard to complain that he is hamstrung, although his spokesmen denied that the prime minister would ever use such a word.

COALITION politics are also thought to explain the inability of Israelis and Palestinians to agree on a formula for the second redeployment.

Minister of Internal Insecurity Avigdor Kahalani insists that the agreement will be approved by the cabinet in the next day or two, and Deri himself has hinted that an arrangement is imminent. Indeed, there are reports that agreement on an Israeli pullback of 13 percent was actually reached last week. But this was apparently thwarted at the last minute because settlers in Hebron, relying on a manuscript uncovered in an ancient trailer-park, discovered that one of the locations slated to be handed over to the Palestinians contains the grave of the venerated eighth-century Italian-Jewish sage, Rabbi Shimon al Dente.

Diplomats from the Temporary International Presence in Hebron used their intimate contacts built up over nine years of temporary presence to fashion a compromise: The area around the grave, covering one dunam, would be designated "Area X(2)z" and would be given a special status – Palestinian civil jurisdiction, but no archeological excavations or road-building would be carried out there.

Deri was determined to accept the deal, even though he was accused of selling out the homeland and eating a cheeseburger by unrepresentative extremists on the fringe of the settler movement.

But Palestinian President Ahmed Tibi, though also initially amenable, was unable to stand up to his domestic critics. Relatively moderate Fatah hardliners claimed that the restrictions on Area X(2)z meant that the Palestinians would really only get control of 12.998%, and they are unwilling to compromise further after already scaling down their original demand for 99% and accepting the American compromise.

And a Hamas spokesman also expressed his unqualified opposition, explaining, "I don't know what's the question, but Islam is the answer."

Tibi was so outraged by this defiance that he reportedly threatened to resign and go back to Israel. But in the end he was forced to yield and withhold his approval.

Although negotiations are currently stalled, veteran political analysts believe that Jagger's special guest in Oslo, special US peace envoy Dennis Ross, is trying to work out a solution behind the scenes.

Meanwhile, a new leadership crisis has broken out in the former Labor Party.

# Sisyphus in Lebanon

GERALD M. STEINBERG

For the ancient Greeks, tragedy was the primary model for the human situation. In Greek tragedies, the hero could do little but passively accept his fate – struggle was useless.

Jews, however, have always believed in influencing the course of history, on some occasions, by triggering divine intervention. Jewish heroes and leaders, from Moses through Gideon (during the period of the Judges) and continuing on to Theodor Herzl and David Ben-Gurion refused to accept any situation as hopeless.

From this perspective, the tragedy of the Israeli entanglement in Lebanon is an anomaly. For over 20 years, successive governments and chiefs of general staff have tried to find a way to prevent terrorists from using southern Lebanon as a base for attacking Israel. Major incursions, including Operation Litani in 1978, and the misnamed Operation Peace for Galilee in 1982, cost many lives, but the terrorist attacks continued.

**Unlike the Greeks, the Jews have always believed in influencing the course of history – a lesson that applies to Lebanon**

In response, Israel created the security zone, and Palestinian terrorists were replaced by Hizbullah and Amal, but little has changed in the past 10 years.

Operation Grapes of Wrath in 1996 also failed to improve the situation significantly. Israelis are still being killed in the security zone, and when the IDF mounts counterattacks and strikes at terrorist leaders, as happened this week, Kiryat Shmona and smaller towns in the area are hit with rockets and mortars.

In recent months, the stalemate has led to increased debate on alternative approaches. Politicians and groups such as the Four Mothers have proposed a withdrawal from the zone in the hope of de-escalating the conflict.

In response, many – but not all – military officials and political leaders argue that there is little that Israel can do. Syria controls events in Lebanon, and President Hafez Assad, they declare, will block any withdrawal from Lebanon, unless it is coupled with capitulation on the Golan Heights, and this is not on the agenda.

According to this view, if Israel withdraws from Lebanon unilaterally, Syria will use terrorist groups to attack Kiryat Shmona and Metulla, triggering retaliation and a resumption of the war. Thus, there is no choice but to continue to maintain the security zone, and to fight the low level war that ensues.

This is the "Greek" approach – passive resignation and acceptance of the tragic situation. For advocates of this position in the IDF's Planning Branch and former chiefs of general staff Ehud Barak and Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, the Israeli role in Lebanon is like that of Sisyphus – continuously pushing the rock to the top of the mountain, and doomed to have the rock fall back on our heads. We can struggle and attempt to limit our costs, but we cannot escape the basic situation, and efforts to do so will only increase our pain.

IN CONTRAST, the advocates of unilateral or negotiated withdrawal are actively looking for a way out. As in other conflicts, the risks are not insignificant, but they appear to be manageable. A few months ago, the Netanyahu government began a political campaign to gain international support for creating the conditions which would allow withdrawal from Lebanon, based on UN Security Council Resolution 425 (adopted in 1978).

According to this plan, the US, France, and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan would press the Lebanese army to take responsibility for controlling southern Lebanon and preventing the terrorist groups from using this area to attack Israel. Syria would have to be convinced, through a combination of carrots and sticks, to allow Lebanon to play this role. The creation of tacit or explicit security arrangements to replace the security zone would allow for withdrawal.

After a great deal of activity and optimistic reports, the political campaign seems to have stalled. The lack of clear progress, as well as the pressures from other issues, such as the interim withdrawal talks with the Palestinians, the renewed tensions with respect to Iraq, and the terrorist attacks on the US embassies and the responses, have pushed Lebanon to the bottom of the agenda. However, it is possible that Netanyahu will resume the effort when the UN General Assembly meets in the fall.

If the diplomatic approach, by itself, fails, unilateral Israeli withdrawal could be initiated, following another round of intensified warfare. In the spring of 1996, Hizbullah rocket attacks on Galilee towns led to Operation Grapes of Wrath, which demonstrated the vulnerability of power stations and key installations in Beirut and throughout Lebanon. However, instead of using this as an opportunity to convert military force into a political understanding, prime minister Shimon Peres prematurely declared a cease-fire and rushed to Washington for a photo opportunity for his election campaign.

The next time rocket attacks lead to a major IDF response in Beirut and beyond, the cease-fire talks can provide a springboard for arrangements to remove the Israeli presence in southern Lebanon.

Both paths to withdrawal involve significant risks, but the potential benefits, not only for Israel, but also for Lebanon and the region, are high. The pursuit of either approach requires faith in the possibility of escaping from this "tragic fate."

# Stavros, Olga and Rajiv

MICHAEL MARMUR

Here are three individuals I would invite to a symposium on religion and state in Israel, and not one of them has ever been here. Not one is Jewish, or particularly interested in Judaism. Yet each one is an expert.

First is Stavros, an official in the Larnaca district court system in Cyprus. Stavros meets a steadily growing stream of Israelis interested in registering civil marriage in the courthouse where he works.

Often, while he is sitting with the couple waiting for the paperwork to be processed, he chats with them in pidgin English, and tries to understand what has brought them to his dusty town for the laconic document acknowledging that Limor and Gilad, or Yevgeny and Larissa, or Mr. Cohen and the former Mrs. Azulai, are now man and wife in the eyes of the Republic of Cyprus.

The stories he hear seem unlikely. They stretch his credulity. He cannot see why these citizens of the Jewish state, most of them native Israelis whose Jewish credentials are impeccable, cannot sit in a similar office in, say, Haifa across the water.

Among the people he meets are those who plan a religious ceremony in Israel with a Reform rabbi. They may try to explain that in the eyes of their home state, Stavros' signature counts for more than the words of the rabbi, but after an initial attempt the couple tends to fall silent, acutely aware of the sheer absurdity of the entire situation. He shrugs his shoulders in mystification. I would invite Stavros (if that is his name) for the puzzled expression he wears.

Our next discussant is Olga. She works in the public records office in Moscow, and finds herself bombarded with requests from recent immigrants to Israel. They are all keen to find any shred of evidence which may prove the fact that both of their parents were Jewish. Some are so desperate they are prepared to suggest innovative ways of "finding" such documents, even if they appear not to exist.

Olga understands that these immigrants were considered Jewish enough to be accepted for purposes of citizenship, but now it appears that someone in the family needs to approach the Chief Rabbinate for some service for which it holds the state monopoly. The religious authorities over in Israel seem to insist upon as much hard evidence as possible to bolster the family's claim of Jewish status.

So now she must help these nearly-Jews look Jewish enough to avoid needing the services of a priest.

Olga might tell us of the distress of people whose self-understanding as Jews has been challenged by the very country which they look to as their national homeland. She might tell us of the melancholy blend of tragedy and trickery which surrounds the whole question of Jewish status as it affects immigrants from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere.

OUR third insight comes from Rajiv, a Hindu holy man from southern India.

Each year Rajiv encounters more and more young Israelis who come in search of spiritual depth and personal encounter with the divine. From time to time, Rajiv asks these young people of the tradition into which they were born, and is saddened to hear of their response, which typically ranges between apathy and anger.

It transpires that a handful of them have dabbled in various mystical Jewish circles, but none has found in the standard representatives of Judaism the authenticity and the profundity they seek.

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Many of these fine young people speak of a deep disillusionment; they find nothing in the Judaism to which they have been exposed which speaks to them of inner challenge, nor of social betterment. They come to Rajiv in search of something they cannot find at home.

Neither Stavros, nor Olga, nor Rajiv exists, as far as I know. But individuals like them find themselves peripherally implicated in the sad farce of Jewish religious life in Israel. They may not be real, but the absurdity and anguish described here are all too real.

I and my colleagues in the non-Orthodox rabbinate can tell countless tales, all sadly true, of citizens alienated by the inappropriate marriage of religion and state. I can tell of the anguish of families hoping for their loved ones to be buried in a respectable way, and then finding that they cannot be buried for days, since the Jewish identity they carried with them in life is deemed illegitimate after death. I can tell of barren adults, keen to adopt children, who find that their wish to live according to the philosophy of secular Jewish nationhood makes them unacceptable members of the Jewish nation. I can tell of some of our brightest and best young children for whom Judaism is seen not as an intimation of redemption, but as an instrument of repression.

In seeking out alternative forms of spirituality, many are not so much turning their faces to the great faiths of the East, but rather turning their backs on the mother of monotheism. They do so because the Judaism of modern Israel has little to offer them.

Does this state of affairs reflect the hopes and aspirations of the founders of this state? Does it further the cause of Judaism? Does it serve the interests of any constituency in our society, or of society as a whole?

For answers to these and other important questions, we should not look to Cypriot clerks, or Muscovite bureaucrats, or Indian gurus. These are questions – legal, ethical and educational – which lie at the heart of the debate on the face of Israel in the coming generation.

I hope that for years to come there are clerks in Larnaca, and office managers in Russia, and spiritual masters in India. But when the three individuals invented here are totally improbable, we may then be living in an Israel worthy of our dreams.

# The fragility of trust

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

Religious Jews think funny. They imbue everything in the world around them with significance.

New technologies, for instance, suggest old concepts. The cordless telephone or bugging devices make concrete "the ear that hears." Movies remind us of our final judgment, which begins with viewing a long-running serial called *This Is Your Life*. (No popcorn served.) The daily news headlines often seem like proof texts for the words of our sages.

Some years ago, I was teaching a weekly class in Ethics of the Fathers, and we arrived at the *mishna* which instructs us "to calculate the reward of the sin against its loss." That week's news provided two classic examples of the consequences of failing to heed that advice.

Gary Hart, then the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination, was caught cruising in the Bahamas with a young woman other than his wife on the appropriately named *Monkeybusiness*. Having boldly invited the press to trail him, he could not restrain his compulsive womanizing, even with the White House in sight.

That same week, the second pick in the NBA draft overdosed on cocaine on the eve of signing a multi-million dollar contract that could have lifted his whole family out of the ghetto.

And when we find ourselves forced to witness extraordinary behavior, religious Jews are likely to ask, "Why did God want me to see this?" Since his first presidential campaign, we have all become willing or unwilling voyeurs to Bill Clinton's sex life. And my peculiar cast of mind makes me wonder why.

Though he will likely survive in office, Clinton has irreparably damaged his own presidential dignity, and likely the presidency itself. After six years of Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones and Monica Lewinsky, every time he speaks the public is also thinking about everything from the kind of underwear he wears to his particular sexual preferences.

As long as the American economy hums along, the public seems inclined to view his antics with mild bemusement. But Clinton commands no more esteem than the average fraternity brother. He could never lead the American people to make any sacrifice.

WHAT does the dignity of the presidency have to do with those of us who will never hold public office?

The truth is that most of us are leaders in some context or another.

Parenthood, for instance, like the presidency, carries a certain built-in stature. Every child instinctively believes that his parents are wise and strong and capable of protecting him from any danger.

But the natural respect of our children can be squandered too. Every time they watch us lose our temper or tell a lie, be it ever so white, our dignity is diminished in their eyes and with it our ability to guide them.

(Anyone with a temper problem might try looking at himself in the mirror during a tantrum. It helps to know that the price of temporarily cowing others into submission is making oneself into an object of derision.)

And when we watch our children imitate our own childish behavior, we recognize, to our horror, that imitation is not always the sincerest form of flattery. Sometimes it is just bitter proof of our failure to provide a model for those who look to us for guidance.

Bill's travails also remind us all how fragile is the trust upon which every meaningful relationship must be based. The depth of any relationship is largely a function of the parties' confidence that their needs and desires are taken into account in any decision. Once lost, that trust is almost impossible to regain.

Clinton would have us believe that he lied to protect those he loved most, when he stared us in the face and said, "I never had sex with that woman." But Hillary and Chelsea's feelings were far from his mind during those Oval Office trysts.

Whatever Faustian bargains hold together the Clintons' marriage, Hillary not only has to live with knowledge of his disregard, but also with the fact that the whole world shares that knowledge.

We, of course, hope never to breach the trust of those closest to us so deeply and so irrevocably. But if we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we daily undermine that trust in countless little ways through our selfishness.

Every time, for example, we request our spouses or children to do what we could do as easily ourselves, we place our good before theirs.

And when we growl at our children, "Honor your father and mother," if they don't rush to fulfill those requests, we convey to them the message that the Torah's *mitzvot* are parental clubs, rather than God's tools in fashioning people of holiness.

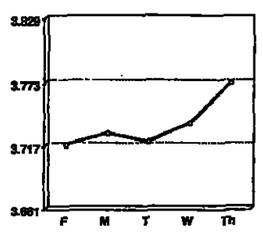
Bill Clinton is not Everyman. But we can use his failings as a mirror in which to examine our own, so that we too do not fail as "leaders," losing in the process the respect and love of those closest to us.

*Middle Israel will return next month.*

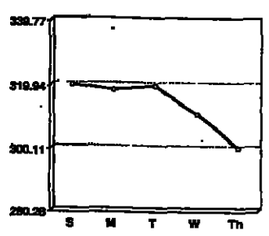
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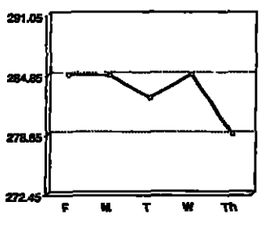
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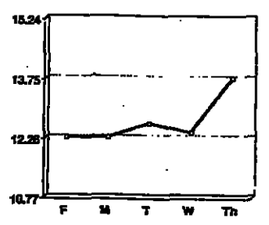

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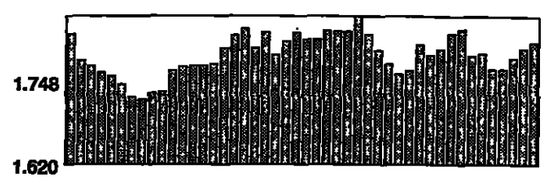

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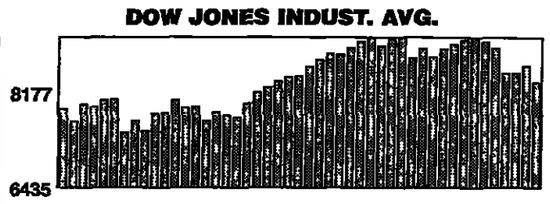



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## BITS & BYTES

### Orckit signs deal with Czechs

Orckit Communications, a maker of Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) solutions, has signed a two-year agreement with SPT Telecom, the national telecommunications operator of the Czech Republic, to provide a system for expanding capacity of its existing communications infrastructure. The value of the deal was not disclosed.

The product line, the Copper Trunk HDSL, is a kind of local loop that enables two pairs of copper wires carrying one phone line to become 15 lines, providing high-speed digital transmission of voice, data and other services.

"This is Orckit's first significant deal in Eastern Europe, which is a framework agreement ensuring a minimum order," according to Dan Arazi, executive vice president for marketing and sales. "This kind of system meets the needs of cities like Prague, where there are limits on digging to lay new infrastructure."

Orckit, based in Tel Aviv, went public on the Nasdaq in New York two years ago. The majority of its shares are still held by its founders and key executives.

SPT Telecom is one of the largest publicly held companies in Central Europe.

### BreezeCOM in project with Vienna airport

BreezeCOM, a maker of wireless local area network products, announced that it has installed a wireless data communications system in the Vienna airport, its first such project. The project was carried out jointly with IBM.

The company now has begun working on a similar project in the Zurich airport.

The system installed in Vienna includes about 100 computer data transmission stations, allowing for the more efficient movement of passengers and baggage. The system also enables the transfer of electronic messages from the field and linkage of vehicles with mobile computers to a central computer.

BreezeCOM, based in the Kiryat Atidim Advanced Technology Park near Tel Aviv, was established in 1993. The company is privately held by company executives, private investors and venture capital funds, including Clal Venture Capital Fund, Clalit Capital Fund, Mofet Israel Technology Fund and Star Venture Enterprises.

### Deutsche Telekom, VocalTec in deal

VocalTec Communications, the Herzliya-based Internet telephony company, announced that Deutsche Telekom will use its products as part of a new PC-to-phone service pilot to be offered by Deutsche Telekom's T-Online Internet service.

The new service, using VocalTec Ensemble Architecture, will be an expansion of Deutsche Telekom's Internet telephony service offerings. It also is one of several projects on which Deutsche Telekom and VocalTec are working closely to customize VEA components for new value-added services and applications.

"So far, we have concentrated on telephone to telephone connections via the Internet. Now we are expanding our trials to PC-based Internet telephony. This is another important step towards the integration of voice and data," said Detlev Buchal, of Deutsche Telekom.

Deutsche Telekom, Europe's top Internet service provider and the third largest world telecommunications company, bought 20 percent of VocalTec last year.

VocalTec, which went public in 1996, makes software that enables voice, fax and multi-media communications over IP networks, the Internet and corporate intranets.

### Crystal to implement Y2K solution for BMW

Crystal Systems Solutions, the Herzliya-based provider of software conversion tools and services, and The A Consulting Team (TACT) announced that BMW of North America awarded it a project to provide the automotive manufacturer with a comprehensive year 2000 solution for its computers.

The project is expected to last approximately one year and require approximately 90,000 consultant hours and the usage of the C-MILL tool.

BMW of North America is working to achieve 2000 compliance by mid-1999.

Crystal Systems Solutions, a subsidiary of the Formula Group, is TACT's strategic partner for implementing year 2000 conversions.

# Shekel depreciates 1% against dollar

## Currency basket breaks NIS 4 barrier

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The shekel depreciated 0.99 percent against the dollar yesterday – falling to an all time low – with the currency basket rising above NIS 4 for the first time, as investors expressed rising concern over developments in emerging markets.

The representative rate for the dollar was set at NIS 3.773, while the currency basket was fixed at NIS 4.0142. At the same time, the shekel depreciated 2.3% against the yen, following the rise of the Japanese currency against the dollar.

"There is much nervousness in the market," said Bank Leumi dealing room head Haim Formowitz. "I think that there is no local reason. It's all an outcome of what happens abroad." He added, however, that there is no hysteria.

Dealers said that most of the activity was in interbank trading while investors are still waiting to see where the shekel is going.

"Nothing fundamental has changed here," Formowitz said. "Our situation reflects what happens in world markets, and all the emerging markets are facing a problem now."

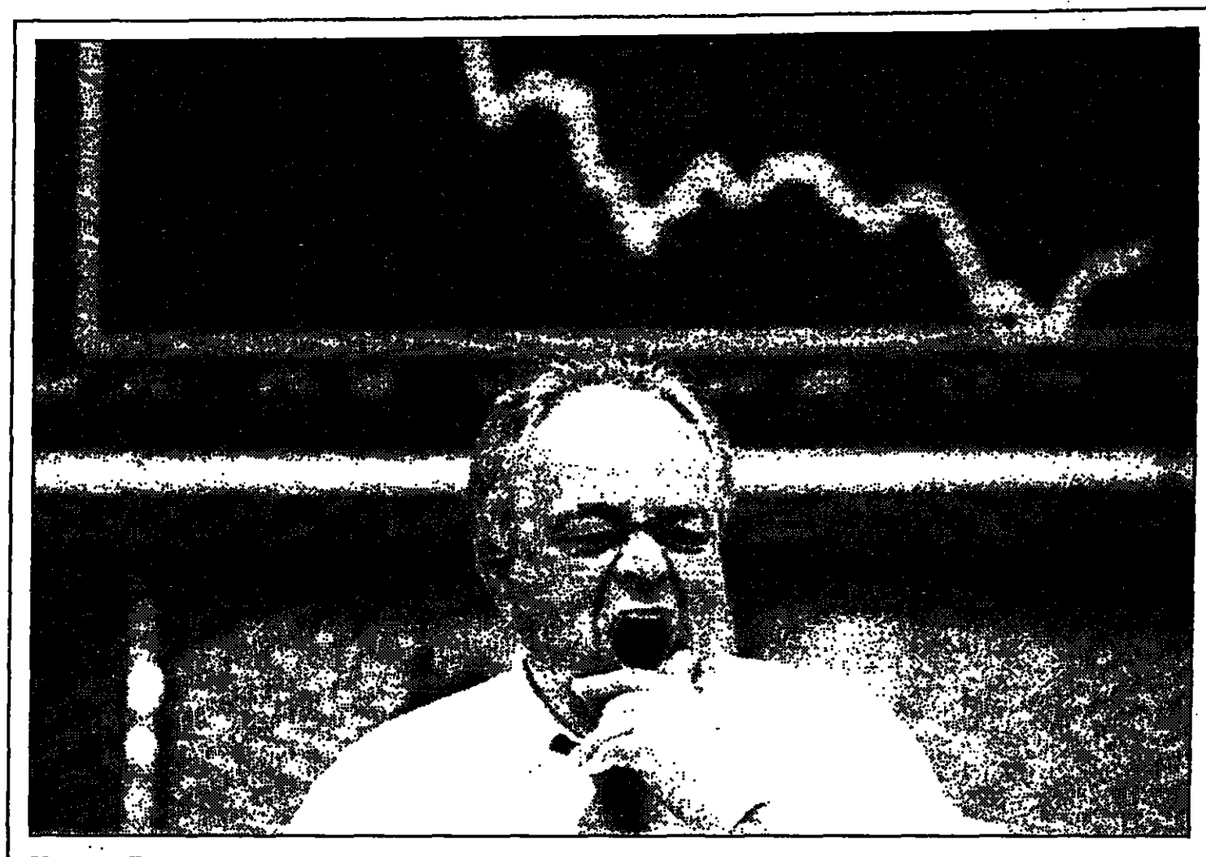
He added that despite rumors about massive sales on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange by foreign investors, he hasn't witnessed much conversion of shekels into foreign currency by overseas investors wishing to exercise their holdings.

Dealers said that it's difficult to predict where the market is going, as it depends on further developments in Russia and South America.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said that he believes that, against the background of economic instability in emerging markets, Israel will attract more investors. He added that the Israeli citizen benefits from a strong and stable economy.

"Meeting the deficit target [2% of GDP] which was approved by the government in the 1999 budget is essential against the background of the shock waves in global economics," Neeman said. "Any deviation from the government decision will cause severe damage."

Neeman also said that the government should reduce its involvement in the economy, while paving the way for the business sector.



**Slow trading day**

A trader yawns while standing in front of the huge DAX index board at the trading floor of the Frankfurt stock exchange yesterday. The DAX recovered slightly from earlier lows in afternoon trade. The Russian central bank's suspension of foreign exchange of the rubel hit shares, especially banks. (Reuters)

# Jerusalem Bank receives commercial license

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem Bank yesterday announced it has received a license from the central bank to act as a commercial bank, marking the completion of its transition from a mortgage to a commercial bank.

The bank received a permit last year to become a financial institution. The bank, which was established in 1963, now will be allowed to mange checking accounts and trade in equities.

In a statement, the bank said that it would focus on real estate, capital markets and international banking.

The bank, which started the transition process from a mortgage bank into a commercial institution three years ago, has 20 branches around the country.

David Blumberg, Jerusalem Bank's chairman of the board, said the decision to expand the bank's activities is an outcome of the slowdown in the housing industry and problems in the mortgage market.

According to Blumberg, a bank which is based only on mortgages will not be able to survive in today's economy. He added that expanding the bank's activities will lead to higher profitability while limiting risks.

# Koor, Clal show lower profitability

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Koor Industries and Clal Israel, the country's two largest holding companies, yesterday reported increases in second quarter net profits which derived primarily from capital gains. Excluding the gains, both companies showed a sharp decrease in profitability.

Koor said that second quarter net income rose 11 percent to $34.2m. from $30.8m. a year ago mainly due to the selling of holdings in subsidiaries. At the same time, revenues for the second quarter fell 10% to $838.2m. from $931.7m.

The capital gains were a direct outcome of Koor's strategic plan of focusing on its core business, while selling holdings in other companies.

The country's largest conglomerate attributed the decline to recessionary conditions, lower sales by subsidiaries Telrad and Tadiran Telecommunications to Bezeq Israel Telecom, and the loss of sales from divested businesses.

Koor said, however, that the losses were partly offset by growth in international sales of telecommunications, electronics and agrochemical products with exports rising 3.6% to $379m.

For the first half of 1998, net income fell by almost 50% to $45.4m. from $90.3m., with revenues decreasing to $1.67 billion from $1.83b. a year ago.

Meanwhile, Clal, the country's second largest holding company said that second quarter net profit nearly tripled to NIS 111m. from NIS 38m. a year ago.

The major reason for the rise, however, is a capital gain of NIS 106 from the sale of 5% of ECI Telecom to Koor and the sale of a 20% stake in paint maker Tambour to Discount Investments.

In addition, Clal has presented another capital gain of NIS 78m. from the sale of its holdings in retail chain Hypershuk to Co-Op North and the sale of its Clal Trading subsidiary to businessman Gad Ze'evi.

Without these deals, Clal would have also showed a decline of close to 50% in its profits mainly due to a decrease in the profitability of its insurance subsidiary.

Clal added that revenues for the last quarter rose slightly to NIS 1.31b. from NIS 1.26m.

Net profit for the first half of the year rose to NIS 216m. from NIS 62m. while revenues increased to NIS 2.38b. from NIS 2.36b. in the corresponding period in 1997.

**Slowdown hits Solel Boneh profits**

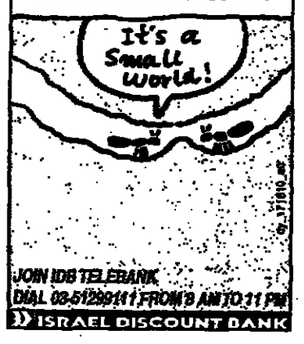
Solel Boneh announced yesterday that first half net profit fell 14% to NIS 32.9m. from NIS 37.5m. a year ago. Israel's largest construction company attributed the decline to the continuing slowdown in the property market.

The housing market suffered from further decline last quarter with the largest ten construction companies reporting a decline of 13% in the sales of new apartments during the first half of the year.

Solel Boneh said that despite the slowdown, turnover rose by 5% during the first six months to NIS 1.01 billion mainly due to a rise in activity in the infrastructure sector.

It added, however, that because of the economic slowdown it has limited its involvement in entrepreneurial projects.

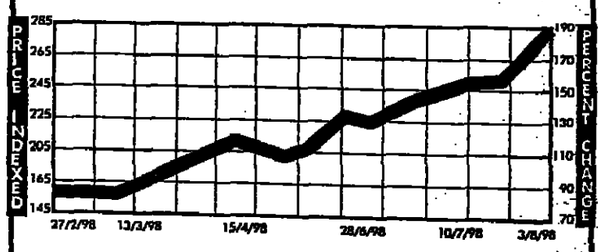
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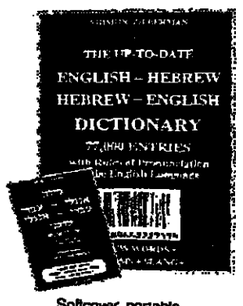
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| Diageo | 615 | -23 |
| General Electric | 420 | -24.5 |
| Glaxo | 1844 | -18 |
| Halifax | 712.5 | -5 |
| HSBC (75p shs) | 1257 | -80 |
| ICI | 680 | -1 |
| Land Securities | 861 | -18.5 |
| Lloyds Bank | 746 | -25.5 |
| Marks & Spencer | 523.5 | -7.5 |
| NatWest Bank | 1083 | -69 |
| Prudential | 855 | -7 |
| Reuters | 519 | -36 |
| Sainsbury | 505 | +2.5 |
| Shell Transport | 326.75 | -14 |
| Tyco Intl | 3550 | -50 |
| Unilever | 920 | -15 |
| Zeneca | 2390 | +22 |

## PARIS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Accor | 1383 | -48 |
| Air Liquide | 815 | -8 |
| Alcatel Alsthom | 1010 | -84 |
| Euro-Disney | 9.1 | -0.55 |
| Moulinex | 111.5 | -16 |
| Pantiacs | 529 | -11 |
| Pernod Ricard | 387 | -21 |
| Peugeot | 1012 | -63 |
| Saint Gobain | 837 | -78 |

## FRANKFURT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Beyer | 66.55 | -3.45 |
| Daimler-Benz | 168.8 | -8.2 |
| Lufthansa | 43.5 | -1.5 |
| Mannesmann | 165.5 | -8.5 |
| Metallgesellschaft | 30.5 | -1.9 |
| Volkswagen | 132.5 | -7 |

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 27-AUG-98)

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Sal (Basket) (1) | 4.0142 | 0 |
| U.S. Dollar (1) | 3.773 | 0 |
| British Pound (1) | 6.2211 | 0 |
| Deutsch Mark (1) | 2.0872 | 0 |
| French Franc (1) | 0.6226 | 0 |
| Japanese Yen (1000) | 2.642 | 0 |
| Swiss Franc (1) | 2.5158 | 0 |
| Canadian Dollar (1) | 2.3982 | 0 |
| Italian Lira (1000) | 2.1149 | 0 |
| Jordanian Dinar (1) | 5.3011 | 0 |

## NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| DJ Industrials | 8165.99 | -357.36 |
| DJ Transport | 2830.76 | -114.56 |
| DJ Utils | 281.38 | -2.87 |
| DJ Comp | 2569.41 | -95.53 |
| NYSE Industr | 645.77 | -24.68 |
| NYSE Transport | 417.42 | -18.21 |
| NYSE Comp | 518.82 | -20.74 |
| S&P 100 | 515.81 | -20.98 |
| S&P Spot Index | 1042.51 | -41.68 |
| Israel Index | 210.86 | -9.55 |

## OTHER MARKET INDEXES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| FTSE 100 | 5368.5 | -176.9 |
| Tokyo Nikkei | 14413.7 | -452.3 |
| Singapore all-share index | 281.84 | +1.9 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng index | 7922.9 | +88.5 |
| Israeli Index | 210.86 | -9.55 |
| Paris CAC 40 | 3745.64 | -167.53 |
| DAX | 5221.81 | -140.15 |
| Madrid | 809.22 | -28.88 |
| Swiss Market Index | 6845 | -357.4 |
| Sydney | 2550.5 | -47.4 |
| Milan | 1448 | -23.33 |

## DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Pound: spot | 1.655 | +0.0156 |
| Sep.future (CME) | 1.6528 | +0.0162 |
| D-mark: spot | 1.7985 | -0.0089 |
| Sep.future (CME) | 0.5574 | 0 |
| S-franc: spot | 1.4815 | -0.0228 |
| Sep.future (CME) | 0.676 | +0.0106 |
| Yen: spot | 141.82 | -2.29 |
| Sep.future (CME) | 0.007057 | +9.5e-005 |
| CanDlr: spot | 1.562 | +0.0178 |
| Sep.future (CME) | 0.6525 | -0.0056 |
| AusDlr: spot | 0.5599 | -0.0037 |
| Sep.future (CME) | 0.5554 | -0.0061 |
| F-franc: spot | 6.025 | -0.033 |
| It Lira: spot | 1775.5 | -7 |
| Ntg: spot | 2.0259 | -0.0086 |
| AuStSig: spot | 12.6633 | -0.0493 |
| Rand: spot | 6.605 | +0.23 |
| ECU: spot | 1.0998 | +0.0069 |

## US COMMODITIES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Cocoa (Sep) (CEC) | 1544 | +9 |
| Coffee (Sep) (CEC) | 120.6 | +0.35 |
| Wheat (Sep) (CBOT) | 243.75 | -1.5 |
| Soybean (Sep) (CBOT) | 527 | -4.25 |
| Sugar (Oct) (CEC) | 7.5 | -0.03 |
| Orange juice (Sep)(CEC) | 113.2 | 0 |
| Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX) | 13.76 | 0 |
| Bonds Sep.future | 126.375 | +0.625 |
| S and P Sep.future | 1037.5 | -50.3 |

## LONDON COMMODITIES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Cocoa (Sep) (LCE) | 1034 | +2 |
| Coffee (Sep) (LCE) | 1675 | +14 |
| Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE) | 12.76 | 0 |

## SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Silver: spot | 4.87 | -0.09 |

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Gold (Dec) | 280.1 | -5.8 |
| Silver (Sep) | 4.855 | 0 |
| Platinum (Oct) | 354.7 | -7.3 |
| Palladium (Sep) | 275.15 | -7.25 |
| High-grade copper (Sep) | 0.7395 | +0.0055 |

## LONDON METAL FIXES

| | Last | Change |
|---|---|---|
| Gold AM fix | 280.9 | -1.6 |
| Gold PM fix | 278.5 | -4.85 |
| Silver fix | 497.5 | +1 |

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 27-AUG-98)

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# Dow plummets 357 points in third largest drop

## Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) – The Dow industrials plunged 357 points yesterday, its third-biggest point loss ever and the biggest percentage drop since last October's swoon.

Wall Street's retreat in extremely heavy trading came as Russia's worsening political and economic crisis and worries about Japan's resolve to revive its ailing economy sent stocks tumbling around the world.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 357.36, or by 4.2 percent, to 8,166.99.

The drop left the Dow 1,171 points, or 12.5 percent, below its July 17 record high closing of 9,337.97. A drop of 10 percent is considered a "correction," while a sustained decline of 20 percent marks a bear market.

With the selloff, the Dow is up a mere 3.3 percent so far this year.

The slide of 357 points was the third-biggest point drop ever, behind the record 554.26 points of Oct. 27, 1997, and the 508-point "Black Monday" crash of Oct. 19, 1987. In percentage terms, the 4.2 percent tumble was the biggest since the 7.2 percent drop of last October's plunge but far behind Black Monday's 22.6 percent.

## Tel Aviv

All 25 stocks on Israel's benchmark stock index fell for a second day in a row to a six-month low, as Russia's deepening crisis prompted investors to quit emerging market securities.

Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank, fell 6.05 percent to NIS 8.85, extending losses for a second day and pushing the Maof Index of the 25 largest companies down 10.49 points, or 3.38%, to 300.11. The index, which is at its lowest level since March 8, lost 9.3% in the past five days.

Investors are unloading their emerging market stocks and switching to higher-rated assets or cash after Russia, the world's largest country and a nuclear power, said it won't intervene to prop up the ruble. Investors said the situation will get worse before it gets better.

"This is the popcorn before the movie," and there will be more declines to come in other emerging markets, including Israel, said Dan Zacharie, a fund manager at Mercantile Discount Bank Consulting and Portfolio Management.

Zacharie, in the past few days, has doubled his cash position to about 40% of the $50 million in Israeli assets that he manages.

The shekel dropped as much as 1.4% against the US dollar yesterday and 2.4% from the beginning of the month through Wednesday.

The biggest losers were shares in the nation's largest banks, which account for about a quarter of the value of the index, and Israeli exporters. They have been among the most favored by foreign investors this year.

Israel Discount Bank, the country's third-largest bank, fell 4.06% to NIS 4.02, extending losses for a fifth day in a row.

Bank Leumi, the nation's second-largest bank by assets, fell 3.9% to NIS 5.92, also extending losses for a fifth day.




**Maof 300.11 ▼ 3.38%**
**Dow Jones 8166.99 ▼ 4.2%**
**FTSE 5368.5 ▼ 3.19%**
**Nikkei 14413.79 ▼ 3.04%**

## Europe

UK stocks fell for a second day, with the benchmark index notching its worst two-day decline in more than 10 years. Banks led declines as Russia's ruble extended losses, prompting concern they'll lose more than expected on their Russian investments.

Oil companies, many of which have invested in Russia's oilfields, also fell.

"It's all about fear and greed," said Nigel Cobby, a director at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter & Co. "And at the moment, it's just about fear."

The FTSE 100 Index dropped 176.9 points to 5368.5, bringing its two-day decline to 5.06 percent, its steepest since November 4, 1987.

Financial-services stocks spearheaded the fall, with Lloyds TSB Group Plc. falling 21 pence to 746. Among other banks, National Westminster Bank Plc. dropped 63p to 1,083 and HSBC Holdings Plc. lost 81p to 1,257.

"It's going to get worse before it gets better," said James Sandison, who helps manage $1.1 billion in European equities at Edinburgh Fund Managers Plc. "It's a mess. It's not surprising to see people selling – I think cash and bonds are where it's at."

In Russia, the benchmark RTS Index fell 17.13% to its lowest level ever, as attempts to prop up the ruble failed.

"It's a very nervous market indeed," said Justin Urquhart Stewart, the business planning director at Barclays Stockbrokers Ltd. "Movements of 1 to 3% a day are becoming commonplace."

## Asia

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index plunged to its lowest point in six years, leading a slide across Asia as the Russian ruble lost 29 percent of its value.

Hong Kong was an exception. The benchmark Hang Seng index rose 1% as the government made its boldest attempt yet to prop up equity and futures markets, buying more than HK$18 billion ($2.4b.) of stock, traders said.

"The ruble's disintegration sent benchmark stock indexes tumbling in South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia.

"It's a blood bath out there," said Garry Evans, strategist at HSBC Securities (Japan) Ltd. in Tokyo. "There's a fear there could be a major sell-off in the US, and one of the largest economies in the world – Russia – said it will default on its debt. That's enough to worry anyone."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 fell 452.24, or 3.04%, to 14,413.79 – its lowest close since August 18, 1992. Ridgestone Corp., Toyota Motor Corp. and other exporters paced the drop.

For a ninth day, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority waded into the market, pushing the benchmark up 88.57, or 1.13%, to 7922.97. The HKMA probably accounted for three-quarters of trading, which at almost HK$23b. was the busiest since November 1997, traders said. Hong Kong has now spent about $4b. of its $96.5b. of foreign-exchange reserves to hurt those betting against stocks and the Hong Kong currency, among the last in Asia still tied to the dollar.

(Bloomberg)

# Yen gains as Russia crisis drags down mark

The dollar fell against the yen yesterday as concern that Russia's currency and stock market tumult may hurt Germany prompted investors to sell marks against major currencies.

Germany is Russia's largest lender and trading partner, so signs of financial trouble in Russia make some investors and traders leery of holding marks. Many mark-yen transactions go through the dollar, so as traders sold marks to buy dollars, they also sold those dollars to buy yen.

"People are unloading marks across the board," said Susan Stearns, a director of foreign exchange at Bank of Montreal. Financial and political problems in Russia are "not good news for Germany or Europe as a whole."

The dollar fell to 142.86 yen from 144.05 yen late Wednesday in New York. The dollar rose to 1.8090 marks from 1.8063 marks.

Russia's bellwether RTS stock index fell more than 13% to a record low amid concern the ruble may decline further. The central bank halted trading between the ruble and dollar for a second day as demand for dollars exceeded supplies.

That's reinforcing speculation President Boris Yeltsin, who sacked his government this week, may soon resign.

The British pound and Swiss franc also rose as traders viewed the UK and Switzerland as shielded from problems in Russia and other emerging markets.

"People are running to the pound and the Swiss franc is also benefiting," said Ricardo Gomes, head of foreign exchange at Republic National Bank.




**Dollar 3.773 ▲ 0.99%**
**Basket 4.0142 ▲ 1.1%**
**Mark 2.0872 ▲ 0.91%**
**Sterling 6.2211 ▲ 1.74%**

The pound rose to $1.6462 from $1.6382 and to 2.9778 marks from 2.9594 marks. The dollar fell to 1.4989 Swiss francs from 1.5052 francs, while the mark fell to 0.8283 Swiss francs from 0.8334 francs.

Ordinarily, the dollar benefits in times of global financial and political strife. Still it failed to gain against the yen yesterday. Traders and investors who have earned hefty returns on the dollar's 9% climb against the yen this year sold the US currency to compensate for losses in emerging markets.

In recent months, many investors had borrowed yen at Japan's low lending rates, then sold those yen to finance other, high- yielding investments, often in risky emerging markets.

"A lot of hedge funds have been borrowing yen, selling for dollars, then funding their positions," said Dick Alford, currency strategist at Potomac Babson Inc., a money management firm. Many are now "unwinding" those positions, he said.

The yen also got a boost from speculation that Japanese officials may soon sell dollars to bolster the sagging yen.

Haruhiko Kuroda, the director general of the Finance Ministry's International Bureau, said "the yen is excessively weak and the dollar is too strong."

(Bloomberg)

# Platinum falls on fears Russia will raise exports

## Oil

Natural gas for September delivery fell for a fifth-straight session, dropping as much as 3.2 cents to $1.730 million British thermal-units on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices fell after an industry report showed inventories increased more than expected last week with the winter heating season still months away.

Prices are at their lowest since October 1995. After trading ended, the American Gas Association said gas supply rose 71 billion cubic feet, or 2.8 percent, to 2.62 trillion cubic feet. That's more than the 68 billion-cubic- foot increase expected by analysts, and left US storage at 82% of capacity and 23% higher than a year ago. The September natural gas contract expired yesterday.

Crude oil for October delivery fell as much as 34 cents to $13.24 a barrel on the Nymex amid speculation that the postponement of a meeting of three of the world's biggest exporters reduces prospects for further production cuts to trim a world oil glut.

The meeting of oil officials from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico, scheduled for Friday in Mexico City, was postponed until early September. Although new output cuts weren't on the agenda of the planned meeting, traders said the officials wouldn't meet unless some kind of agreement was possible for further cuts beyond the reductions of 3.2 million barrels a day already pledged by world producers.




**Gold $278.75 ▼ 3.4%**
**Crude Oil $12.15 ▼ 0.35%**
**CRB 196.10 ▼ 2.02%**

## Precious metals

Platinum for October delivery fell as much as $8 an ounce, or 2.2%, to $354 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange, to its lowest since the end of June.

Russia's financial crisis deepened as the supply of dollars all but dried up at exchange offices, leaving citizens and banks powerless to protect their savings after the central bank stopped selling foreign currency.

The financial troubles raised concern that Russia may be forced to sell precious metals instead of lending them as previously expected. Russia is the world's biggest palladium producer and second-largest supplier of platinum.

## Others

Raw sugar for October was little changed in early trading at 7.62 cents a pound, up 0.09 cent on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange. Prices, already close to the lowest in two months, aren't expected to rise much amid speculation that Russia's worsening economic crisis will reduce demand from the world's biggest sugar importer. The weakening demand from Russia follows a drop in demand from Asian consumers and comes just as bumper crops are forecast in Brazil and in Europe.

(Bloomberg)

# US bonds rise as stocks tumble worldwide

US bonds rose for the fifth time in six days, briefly pushing 30-year yields to a record low, as tumbling stocks in Russia and elsewhere drove investors to the relative safety of US Treasury securities.

"People are selling everything but US government bonds," said John Burgess, who manages $90 billion in fixed-income assets at Bankers Trust Global Investment Management. "There isn't much to indicate an end to it."

The 30-year Treasury bond rose 19/32, or $5.94 per $1,000 bond, cutting its yield 4 basis points to 5.38 percent. Earlier, the yield touched 5.37%, the lowest since the US started regular sales of the securities in 1977.

The 10-year Treasury, the benchmark for most fixed-rate mortgages, rose 19/32, lowering its yield 8 basis points to 5.12%, the lowest since the late 1960s. Two-year yields fell 9 basis points to 4.98%.

Russia's benchmark stock index fell more than 17%, as its supply of dollars dwindled and the central bank halted trading in foreign currencies, paralyzing the country's banking system. Stocks across Europe fell, including a 4.5% loss in Germany's DAX Index. Japan's main stock index fell more than 3%.

US Treasury yields tumbled in recent weeks as investors sought refuge from financial crises in emerging markets, particularly Russia, and as the benign outlook for inflation worldwide was reinforced by the economic slowdown in Asia.

Russia's problems deepened Wednesday as investors expressed disappointment at a proposed debt restructuring. Investors will get between about 5 cents and 30 cents on the dollar on 281 billion rubles of short-term government debt.

Not everyone thinks that falling overseas markets provide a good reason to buy Treasuries, though. "They're not going to fall forever," said Marc Fovinci, of Ferguson, Wellman, Rudd, Purdy & Van Winkle Inc. in Portland, Oregon. "If the turmoil quiets down overseas, then we'll see yields rise."

Still, some people predict global economies are slowing enough that the Federal Reserve will try to jump start growth by cutting US interest rates.

"It's inevitable that the Fed has to ease – there is just no way around it," said Robert McGee, chief economist at Tokai Bank.

Meantime, two US reports showed that the labor market is strong, though economic growth slowed from the first quarter, and inflation is low, McGee said.

The Commerce Department said second-quarter gross domestic product grew at a 1.6% annual rate, compared with its initial estimate of 1.4%. The so-called GDP deflator, a broad measure of inflation, rose 0.8%.

The Labor Department reported 297,000 initial claims for jobless benefits for the week ended August 22, down from a revised 303,000 the week before.

(Bloomberg)




**US 30 -yearT-bill yield**
**5.38 ▲ 0.04**

## PM

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Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi denied knowing anything about the meeting.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said last night that yesterday's attack, and the recent attacks in Judea and Samaria, unequivocally indicate that the political processes will be served only by an uncompromising and continuous war by the Palestinians against terrorism and its infrastructure.

He said Israel expects the PA to do its part in this area, alongside the ceaseless counter-terrorism efforts of the IDF, GSS, and other security forces.

Last night, Netanyahu held security consultations with Mordechai and GSS head Ami Ayalon.

Security officials claim that the current deadlock in peace negotiations is affecting the security situation.

Security was tightened at Ben-Gurion Airport following the attack. Increased security had already been initiated following the bombings last week in Sudan and Afghanistan, but yesterday officials were instructed to pay special attention to the airport trash bins.

Security checks on passengers were also conducted in a more in-depth manner, causing slight delays in departures.

*Amy Klein contributed to this report.*

## NAIROBI

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Prosecutors said that on August 9 the defendant was contacted in Nairobi by Kenyan officials. At the time, he appeared to have suffered lacerations and abrasions about the hands and face as well as a large wound on his back. He was then arrested.

The complaint said on August 20 the defendant confessed to throwing a grenade-like device and said he was trained in explosives at a number of camps in Afghanistan, including some affiliated with Osama bin Laden.

At the Washington news conference, FBI Director Louis Freeh said the investigation into the bombings would continue as the FBI pursues numerous leads and investigates multiple suspects.

"Although the initial arrest indicates substantial progress in the 20 days since the bombing in Kenya, we are still at the initial stages of a far-reaching international investigation," he said.

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**Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)**

| Currency (deposit for:) | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 12 MONTHS |
|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. dollar ($250,000) | 4.770 | 4.800 | 5.090 |
| Pound sterling (£100,000) | 5.550 | 5.540 | 5.620 |
| German mark (DM 200,000) | 2.180 | 2.280 | 2.700 |
| Swiss franc (SF 200,000) | 0.060 | 0.190 | 0.560 |
| Yen (10 million yen) | — | — | — |

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

**Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (27.8.98)**

| | CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy | Sell | BANKNOTES Buy | Sell | Rep. Rates** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Currency basket | 3.9869 | 4.0513 | — | — | 4.0142 |
| U.S. dollar | 3.7468 | 3.8073 | 3.68 | 3.87 | 3.7730 |
| German mark | 2.0757 | 2.1092 | 2.04 | 2.14 | 2.0872 |
| Pound sterling | 6.1663 | 6.2658 | 6.06 | 6.36 | 6.2211 |
| French franc | 0.6192 | 0.6292 | 0.60 | 0.64 | 0.6226 |
| Japanese yen (100) | 2.6243 | 2.6667 | 2.57 | 2.71 | 2.6422 |
| Dutch florin | 1.8404 | 1.8701 | 1.80 | 1.90 | 1.8511 |
| Swiss franc | 2.4977 | 2.5380 | 2.45 | 2.58 | 2.5158 |
| Swedish krona | 0.4479 | 0.4552 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.4464 |
| Norwegian krone | 0.4539 | 0.4613 | 0.44 | 0.47 | 0.4492 |
| Danish krone | 0.5446 | 0.5534 | 0.53 | 0.57 | 0.5480 |
| Finnish mark | 0.6816 | 0.6925 | 0.66 | 0.71 | 0.6853 |
| Canadian dollar | 2.3774 | 2.4158 | 2.33 | 2.45 | 2.3982 |
| Australian dollar | 2.1011 | 2.1350 | 2.06 | 2.17 | 2.1133 |
| S. African rand | 0.5780 | 0.5853 | 0.52 | 0.59 | 0.5678 |
| Belgian franc (10) | 1.0058 | 1.0221 | 0.98 | 1.04 | 1.0125 |
| Austrian schilling (10) | 2.9503 | 2.9979 | 2.89 | 3.04 | 2.9668 |
| Italian lira (1000) | 2.1022 | 2.1362 | 2.06 | 2.17 | 2.1149 |
| Jordanian dinar | 5.2697 | 5.3547 | 5.17 | 5.56 | 5.3011 |
| Egyptian pound | — | — | 1.07 | 1.16 | 1.1130 |
| ECU | 4.1016 | 4.1678 | — | — | 4.1258 |
| Irish punt | 5.2088 | 5.2929 | 5.11 | 5.37 | 5.2407 |
| Spanish peseta (100) | 2.4449 | 2.4844 | 2.40 | 2.52 | 2.4596 |

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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# Reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic – and risk

**The school year ended with three deaths due to safety lapses. When classes resume on Tuesday children will return to schools with inadequate electrical wiring, 'firetrap' classrooms, shaky banisters and filthy bathrooms. Larry Derfner reports**



Two boys were killed when the roof of the gym at Beersheba's Comprehensive High School 6 collapsed in June. (Courtesy of 'Yediot Ahronot')

To a layman, the Rehovot school (which, at the principal's insistence, will go nameless) looked safe enough.

But on Tuesday, a week before the school year was scheduled to begin, the principal pointed to the tall old tree hanging over the school building at a sharp angle. He said that during the winter winds, it bends further, threatening to crack and fall onto the roof.

An old electrical wire hung over the schoolyard like a clothesline. There was a 30-cm. drop between the concrete walkway and a dirt field – a potential menace to running and playing children.

But the worst danger was inside, the principal continued. The school's electricity box – which, according to safety regulations, was supposed to be made of metal and attached to the exterior of the building – was instead made of wood and attached to a wall inside a classroom.

"The electricity load in the school is too much for the system, so the power occasionally fails. When it does, the box heats up and sparks shoot out of it," said the principal.

Asked if there had ever been a fire, he replied cynically, "No. Had there been, something might have been done."

On June 10, Lior Caballo and Shlomi Toledo, both 13, were killed when a roof caved in at Beersheba's Comprehensive High School 6. A week later Amelia Cohen, 9, fell to her death from an unbarred, second-story window at Jerusalem's Lurie School.

Since then, no safety repairs whatsoever have been made at the Rehovot school, the principal said.

Right about the time of the three deaths, a pupil was hit and lightly injured by a car right outside the school. The principal pointed to the spot where the pupil had run into the street, noting that there was no protective railing on the curb. Had a railing been there, he suggested, it might have deterred the pupil from bounding across the street, and the collision might have been avoided.

"Month after month, for seven years, I've been asking the city to correct these problems and others. The answer I always get is: 'Sorry, we have no money,' " the principal said.

Rehovot Municipality spokeswoman Michal Lerner-Weltsch said she could not discuss individual schools, but noted that the city spent NIS 4.5 million overall on school safety improvements last year.

"With all due respect to the principals and the parents, they are not safety professionals. For months the municipality has been making safety repairs at the schools, and by the opening of the school year, every school in Rehovot will meet the safety standards," Lerner-Weltsch said.

BUT the Rehovot Parents Association intends to keep children home, and the hazards to life and health they find in many schools are the main reason. Parents associations in Beersheba, Netanya and Dalíat al-Carmel say they will do likewise.

In cities and towns all over the country dangerous schools are about to open, said Shai Lachman, chairman of the Israel Parents Association.

"After the deaths in Beersheba we were promised that all the schools would be safe by September 1, but not much was done over the summer," he said.

Lachman maintained that many schools are old and in perpetual disrepair, and that even a lot of the newer ones have persistently dirty bathrooms.

About 300 classrooms are held in mobile homes, which are "virtual firetraps," he said.

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>
> **— School principal**

Israeli Arab schools, especially Beduin schools, are the most dangerous of all, Lachman noted.

"It makes my blood boil when we're told there's no money to fix the schools. They have money for everything but education," he said, blaming both the Education Ministry and the local authorities for the failure.

WHILE Adi Eldar, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel, said he agreed with every complaint Lachman made, he added, "The great majority of the schools are safe; there's no need to get hysterical.

"But some of the schools aren't – mainly the old ones that were built to 1950s standards."

Eldar claimed the government, not the local authorities, was responsible for making the schools safe.

"We spent NIS 4.5 billion on education last year, and the Education Ministry only reimbursed us for NIS 2.6 billion. Whenever I asked the ministry for the money, they always told me they just didn't have it."

Education Minister Yitzhak Levy seemed to toss the responsibility for school safety back to the local authorities.

Telling Channel 1 that "97 percent or 98% of the school buildings are up to standard," he said he "is confident the local authorities will find solutions" for the remaining 2-3%.

The Education Ministry pointed out that after the deaths in Beersheba, Levy appointed a committee chaired by IDF Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yirmi Olmert to toughen the school safety code. The panel is nearly ready with its recommendations, the ministry noted.

But, Lachman maintained: "We don't need committees to update the safety regulations. We need the existing ones enforced."

In Rehovot, the principals of the city's 41 schools had wanted to join the parents in going on strike when the school year opens. But the Education Ministry has threatened to fire any principal who stays out, so on Tuesday they will reluctantly be at their desks, the school principal said.

FISHEL Weintrob, chairman of the Rehovot Parents Association, said he has seen snakes and mice in one school. A few pupils became sick last year with hepatitis, and Weintrob blamed these cases on unsanitary bathrooms.

Banisters on numerous stairways are in danger of collapsing, and pipes are sticking up out of the ground on sports fields, he said. Moreover, children who are hurt can have a hard time getting first aid because the schools do not employ full-time nurses, he added.

Noting that many buildings in Rehovot are constructed on top of century-old sewage wells, Weintrob recalled that about a year ago, the floor in a classroom at the Ben-Gurion School collapsed and fell about two meters into a well. Five or six children and their teacher had to be rescued.

They emerged unscathed, but Weintrob said: "There are wells under buildings all over the city, but nobody knows exactly where they are because they don't appear on any city plan."

Sitting in the school principal's office, he said, "How do we know we're not sitting on top of another well?"

To Weintrob's accusations, municipality spokeswoman Lerner-Weltsch replied that the city has not received any complaints about snakes or mice, or about pipes sticking up out of the ground on sports fields.

All banisters will be safe by Tuesday, she said, stressing: "This is the law. We are legally required to meet the safety standards by the time school begins."

Bathrooms have been rebuilt and repaired, but sanitary conditions are also up to the pupils themselves, the spokeswoman noted. The absence of full-time nurses stems from a cost-cutting measure instituted by the Education Ministry about a year-and-a-half ago.

AFTER the fatal collapse at the Beersheba high school, the Rehovot Municipality checked the roofs of all city schools, replacing some and repairing others, Lerner-Weltsch continued.

"While I respect the concerns of the parents and principals, they are giving people the wrong impression," she said. "I'm sure that if a professional were to inspect the schools for safety, he would come to different conclusions."

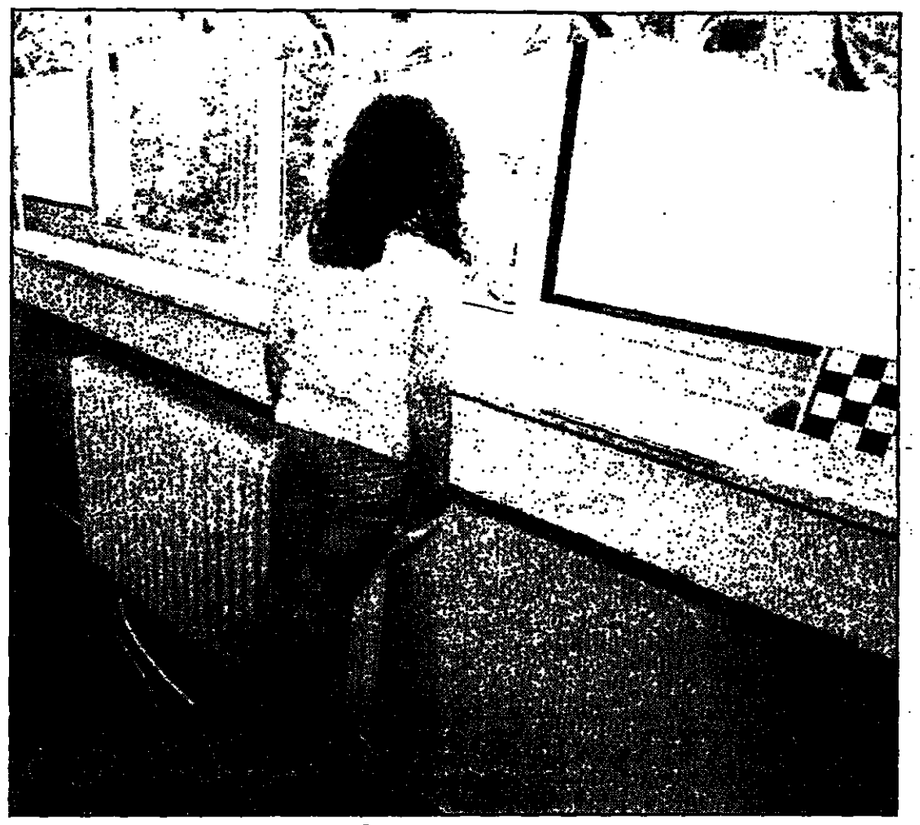
As a matter of fact, professional safety experts are about to inspect every one of the roughly 3,000 public schools in Israel, so officials will at least know what needs to be done, said Eldar.

The inspection, funded by the Education Ministry and overseen by the Union of Local Authorities, will take three to four months, he said.

But it's not as if the dangers in Israeli schools are a total mystery. It's not as if the inspectors will be discovering hazards no one has ever seen or reported before.

A recent internal Rehovot Municipality memo stated that the tree hanging over the Rehovot school needed to be cut down, and the electricity system had to be fixed – just like the principal has been saying for years.

A few pages of recommended safety improvements at other city schools – some marked "urgent" – were also included in the memo, which Weintrob gave to *The Jerusalem Post* on condition that the author not be identified.



A week later, Amelia Cohen, 9, fell to her death from this unbarred window in Jerusalem's Lurie School. (Flash 90)

"It's all money – the city claims it doesn't have money, the government claims it doesn't have money," he said with exasperation.

But while Weintrob and Lachman were vowing that parents would keep their children home until school safety hazards were removed, each acknowledged that he didn't really think this demand could be met only a few days before the start of the school year.

When asked how a parents' strike could bring about safety in schools when the deaths of three pupils evidently hadn't, neither man had an answer.


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# Couch-potato paradise

## A convenient, better-quality alternative to cable TV that can receive more than 100 channels? It's called Direct Broadcast Satellite and the Communications Ministry has promised it for next year, **Allison Kaplan Sommer** reports

A communications revolution is a nice thing to fantasize about in these long hot days of August, as we burrow in our air-conditioned living rooms and restlessly flip through the cable channels, finding nothing to watch but reruns of television series and creaky old movies.

Even on foreign networks like CNN, the endless rehash of the Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal feels tired and boring.

But there is hope on the horizon. The Communications Ministry is working hard to make our fantasies come true. Next year, 1999, they promise will be the year that the initials DBS become part of our vocabulary.

DBS stands for Direct Broadcast Satellite, an alternative to cable television, which works by beaming channels via satellite into our homes.

Customers will not need a huge unsightly satellite dish taking up lawn space to receive the channels. Technology has brought us a small compact dish that can fit easily on a windowsill, and can receive more than 100 channels. Like cable television, viewers who subscribe to DBS will pay a monthly subscription fee.

"This will definitely be positive for the consumer," says Dr. Yuval Karniel, lecturer in media law, at the Ramat Gan College of Law. "When the cable companies no longer have a monopoly, prices will go down, and there will be more variety and choice for viewers."

That variety will include different levels or "tiers" of subscription. Consumers will be able to choose a package of channels, receiving more stations for more money: or getting "basic" service and paying less. Exact fees have not yet been set for satellite service, but they are expected to be left to individual companies, and will likely depend on market forces.

What's more, the digital broadcast quality is expected to be better than that of cable television.

There are only two potential obstacles standing in the way of this potential couch-potato paradise. The first is the Cable Association – the organization of the nation's cable operators – which is naturally fighting the Communications Ministry's attempt to break its current monopoly on the more than one million Israeli homes hooked up to cable.

The other potential question mark is whether operating DBS in Israel will be a profitable enough proposition for potential investors.

Currently, the Cable Association has a petition before the High Court of Justice challenging the Communication Ministry's move to bring in DBS, and the court date has already been postponed several times.

"The cable operators can't prevent DBS, but they can delay it, and delays are worthwhile for them because they are sitting on a monopoly and the longer they hold onto it, the better for them," says Karniel.

"The delaying tactics are winning them some concessions from the government: lengthening their contracts, improving their position, presumably to be able to compete fairly with DBS."

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The cable industry is making use of this time to prepare for the inevitable competition. Far-flung areas which have long complained that they are unable to receive cable are suddenly getting hooked up. That may be because since no cable infrastructure is needed for DBS, when it comes on the scene, it will instantly be able to provide service to households in any corner of the country that wants it.

The cable operators are also snapping up long-term rights to attractive programming that will be difficult for DBS providers to compete with, as well as working on their broadcast quality so that when the time comes they will be able to match DBS quality.

AS wonderful as DBS sounds, it will be a risky proposition for investors.

A tremendous initial investment will be needed, and the profits are far from guaranteed, due largely to the stiff competition in place from cable.

Yossi Uzrad, director-general of Israel Cable Programming, Ltd., which operates Channel 3 and the Movie Channel, says that there are serious questions as to whether the current market conditions will be able to make DBS a winning proposition.

"I don't think I would sleep well at night if I was investing in DBS," he says. "Look at the numbers. You start with a cost of $150-200 million, just for the initial investment in the technology.

"Then you have to buy the programming – buy the rights to movies, sports, local productions. For that you will have to spend around $70 million a year. The ongoing fee for the use of the satellite is going to be another $20-30m. per year.

"So you are talking about an investment of $300-400m. And then – since DBS will be competing against cable and, presumably, if more than one company brings in DBS, against the other providers – you are going to have to finance a massive marketing campaign.

"You're talking about spending a lot of money, and the question becomes: When are you going to get it back – let alone *make* some money?"

THE huge investment necessary is the reason the Communications Ministry has made it relatively easy for anyone with deep pockets – $40m. in assets, to be precise – to get into the DBS business. Unlike other communications services, there will be no bidding process for licenses, with the ministry choosing just one or two – anyone who meets the ministry's criteria will receive a license.

Currently there are three major corporate groups interested: one headed by Clal, the second by the French cable company Canal Plus, and the third by Bezeq.

In addition to the financial requirements, the groups who win DBS licenses must have a certain percentage of Israeli citizens at their helm, and there are restrictions on the involvement of companies that already are invested in a cable operator, or are Channel 2 licensees.

Any DBS operator will also have to pay a fee of between $10m. and $15m. to the ministry for the license.

Unlike the conditions for cable operators, the DBS companies will be required at first to provide only 10 channels, including Channels 1 and 2, and a minimum amount of local programming. Only when they sign up a critical mass of 200,000 subscribers will they be required to provide 5 percent of their programming in Hebrew or translation, and when they reach 500,000, they will be required to provide 10%.

But they might voluntarily provide more than that – it may be hard to woo customers away from cable without providing an answer to the Children's Channel or the Sports Channel, and other popular local cable programming.

UZRAD says that the experience of other countries with DBS does not point to a clear answer as to whether the technology will succeed here.

"It is very tough to predict one way or the other. In places like Argentina, Switzerland and the United States, where the penetration of cable is 70%, DBS has not been able to make a significant dent. In the US, over 10 years, only 8-9% of households are receiving DBS.

"Many people in America, this is still millions of people and it makes sense from an economic point of view. In Israel, they will have to do better than that percentage-wise to turn a profit."

In Germany, Uzrad notes, DBS has been a failure. A huge effort was made to bring cable viewers to satellite, with the satellite operators going as far as purchasing the rights to all of the German soccer games, and their numbers were still terribly disappointing.

But when it comes to Israelis and media, nothing is certain.

"It is too early to tell what will happen right now," says Karniel. "The Israeli customer can be unpredictable when it comes to communications.

"Remember when cellular phones came in? People argued that the market couldn't support two companies – and now a third is coming in."

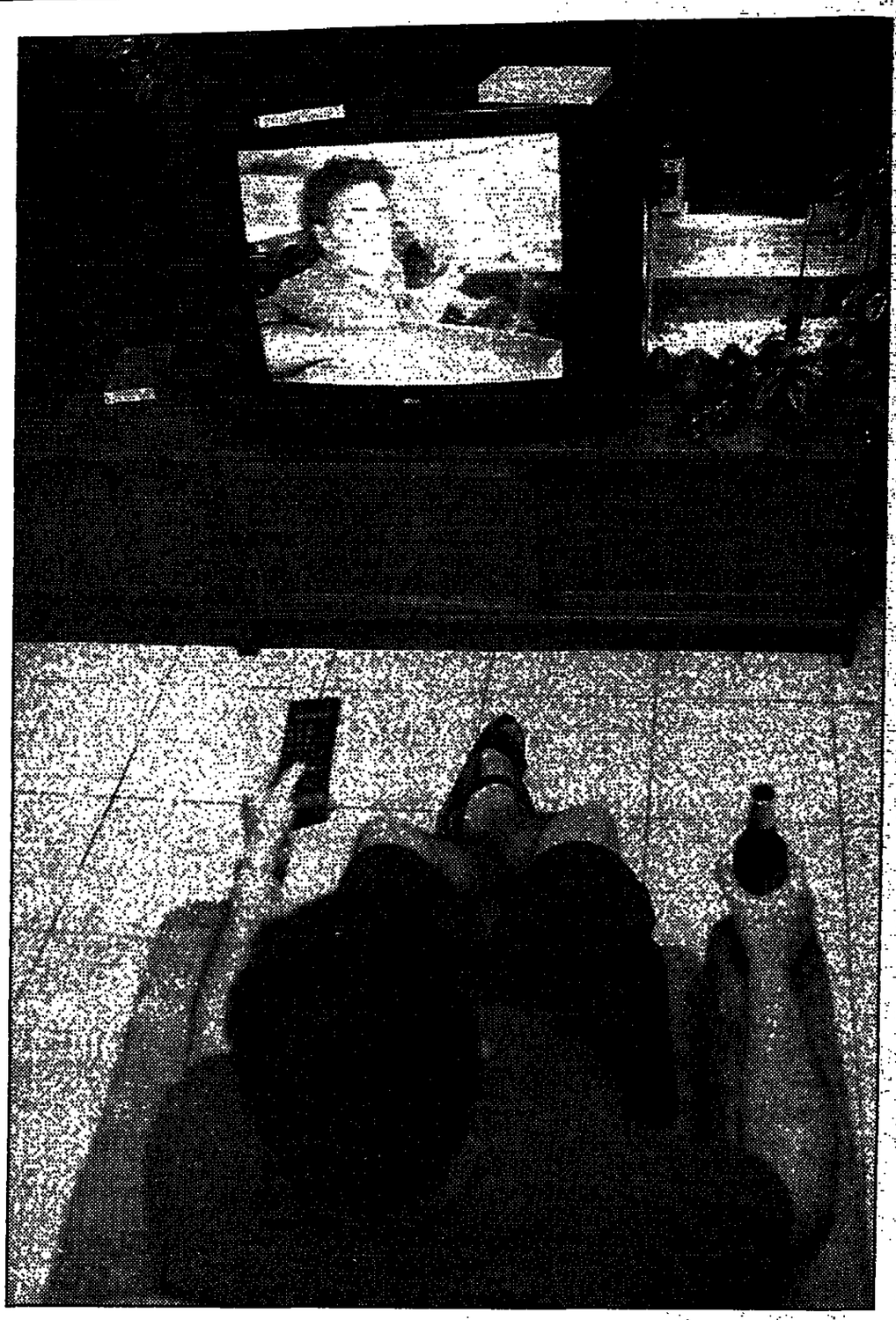
Uzrad agrees that cellular-phone penetration in Israel was beyond anyone's greatest expectations, but notes that it does not follow that every new media venture in Israel is necessarily a guaranteed success.

"Home shopping didn't work here. They are losing money, and that took many people by surprise. Private local radio stations have not worked so far.

"And with all the talk of the Internet, a recent survey found that only 10% percent of Israelis are on-line, as opposed to 40% in a country like Iceland. You just never know."

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In July, the Knesset Economic Committee approved the recommendations of the Peled Commission, which had been established to consider five additional so-called "Israeli specialty" channels: Arabic language, Russian and Amharic, Jewish heritage, Israeli and Middle Eastern music, 24-hour news and information.

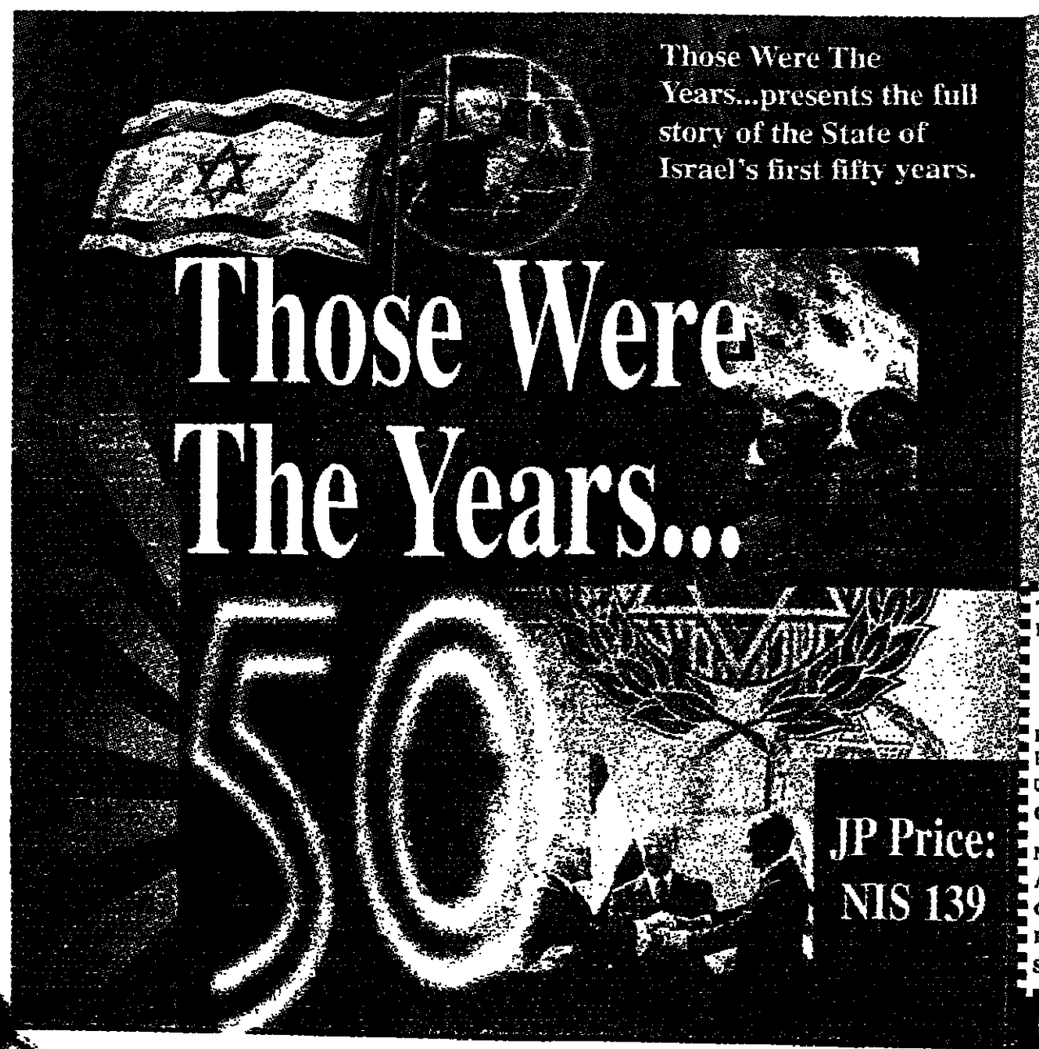
For now, the channels will be broadcast through cable, although once Direct Broadcast Satellite broadcasting gets off the ground, they may be included there as well. Currently, the Communications Ministry is drawing up guidelines for the bidding process on the operation of such channels.

No specific programs to be offered in the various packages have been decided yet. This will depend on the companies that get the DBS licenses, and what they decide to offer. However, each supplier will have to offer attractive packages to attract viewers.

There is talk that the Communications Ministry may force the existing cable TV providers to sell rights to some of their channels to DBS operators, like the Family Channel or Children's Channel.

It is not clear whether the Communications Ministry could forbid cable or a DBS supplier from signing exclusivity rights for a particular program, but this is possible, according to a source familiar with the DBS regulations.

So consumers may have to choose between seeing *Beverly Hills 90210* or seeing *Melrose Place* if they are shown by different carriers.


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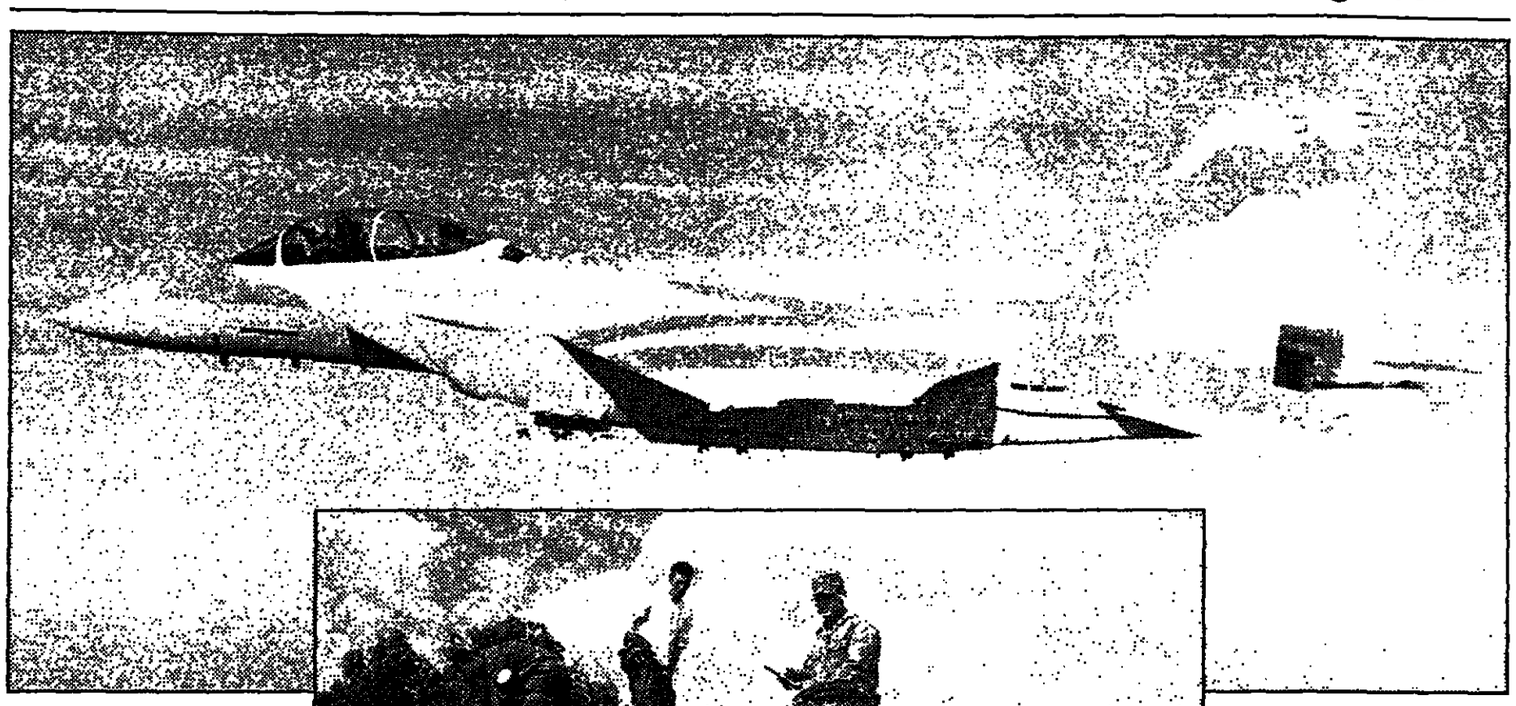

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# Will the defense budget be shot down?

## Generals paint nightmare scenarios if the current NIS 35b. budget is allowed to stagnate – the Treasury wants a cut of NIS 500m. **Arieh O'Sullivan** talks to the warring sides





David Rubinger

**Operating costs have skyrocketed: A training hour in an F-15I jet (above) costs about $20,000; an hour of instruction on a Merkava-2 tank (below) costs $1,075.**

The general was flashing graphs and pie charts on the screen, rattling on about the closed "window of opportunity," the depleted army warehouses and the threat of nonconventional attack. The IDF, he was saying, desperately needed modernization to counter a growing threat of conflict.

"We are cutting thousands of positions, implementing efficiency plans, grinding our teeth," said Brig.-Gen. Eyal Giladi, head of planning in the IDF's Planning Branch. "But we are going to be able to come up with only a fifth of our real defense requirements."

According to IDF officials, if the current NIS 35 billion defense budget is allowed to stagnate, the deficit between real defense spending and real defense requirements will amount to a whopping NIS 58 billion by 2010.

To hear the generals tell it, the defense budget has been on a decline for the past decade and the equipment is so old that planes like the 1960s vintage A-4 Skyhawks are literally dropping out of the sky due to fatigue. And they warn that, if forced into war service, aging military systems like the army's truck fleet would collapse.

Nightmare scenarios are a given, almost a job qualification, for Israel's military commanders. With predetermined frequency, the heads of the defense establishment threaten war. The warnings are not necessarily linked to changes in Syrian Army deployment or Iran's test launch of medium-range surface-to-surface missiles. Actually, the threats traditionally surface just prior to the annual budget debate.

Last year Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai lost a major battle in his campaign to boost defense spending when the cabinet overwhelmingly approved slashing the military budget by about NIS 400 million. Mordechai ultimately ended up with NIS 32.6 billion, about 16.3 percent of the total national budget.

This year, the defense establishment is determined not to get burned again.

Ilan Biran, Mordechai's handpicked director-general, is trying a new tactic – going after the Finance Ministry's accounting experts with non-defense establishment economic heavyweights. Biran's experts headed three external committees which examined defense expenditures, resources, and salaries and pensions. Their conclusions will no doubt carry more weight with the Finance Ministry than those of generals, who are seen as wanting to protect their salaries.

Not only that: Mordechai, backed by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, won the promise of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (for what it's worth) to increase the 1999 defense budget, mainly to meet the growing threats.

Mordechai has even gone on record warning that if he is not given an additional NIS 2 billion on top of the NIS 34b. proposed for next year, the entire defense establishment will collapse. The Treasury, on the other hand, wants to cut the defense budget by NIS 500 million.

High noon is set for the week of September 6, when Mordechai returns from a visit to China.

Until then, lights are burning late at both the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv and the Finance Ministry in Jerusalem as each side prepares for war.

ON THE fourth floor of the Finance Ministry, those responsible for the defense portfolio are hopping mad. Their tables are a mess of soft drinks and coffee cups. They see the defense establishment as myopic, socially irresponsible and in desperate need of reining in.

They don't want to devote even one more agora to the defense budget, and not just because the money will have to be skimmed off the education and health budgets. Their biggest concern is that history has shown a direct correlation between increased defense spending and negative growth. And if Israel wants to compete with the Western industrial nations its economy must grow, they say.

"Putting more money into defense has proven to be counterproductive to the economy, particularly when it comes to unemployment," says one senior Treasury official intimately involved in the defense budget.

"We have to be very careful when it comes to defense expenditures. Every shekel needs to be invested with the utmost efficiency," says the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

According to the Treasury, the IDF can free up 3 percent of its budget with efficiency measures.

For its part, the army says it is undergoing a total review of the way it fights and has embarked on a major change in priorities.

The IDF has already cut thousands of personnel from its regular force, initiated early retirement to avoid large pension payments, and started using simulators.

"This will save NIS 12b. in the next decade. But we still need another NIS 46b. – about NIS 4.6b. a year. This is how much the increase in the defense budget should be," said Brig.-Gen. Giladi.

He added that if stretched, the IDF could make do with an increase of NIS 10b. over the next five years – NIS 2b. a year. "This increase will allow us to invest in strategic armament," he said.

GILADI was talking about acquisitions and special projects like the deployment of the Arrow anti-missile system and the production and launching of more Ofek spy satellites.

The defense ministry also seeks about NIS 25-30 billion to replace its fleets of Skyhawks and Phantom jets and to modernize its 15-year-old airborne early-warning aircraft inventory. Hundreds of decades-old tanks and armored personnel carriers must also be replaced, the Defense Ministry has said.

"The main challenge is to find the budget within the national priorities to fund a vitally needed modernization for an army which was almost entirely set up after the trauma of the Yom Kippur War," says Biran.

Under the Labor-led government, the military modified its long-range strategic doctrine, allowing the IDF to eat its supplies and lower its alert status in exchange for arming itself for the future, senior IDF sources said. Based on a running assessment that war was not likely to break out in the near future, the IDF was given the go-ahead to invest in long-range defense building and funds were shifted to R&D.

But since the Likud-led government took over, the "window of opportunity" has virtually shut and the IDF intelligence assessment now speaks of a probability of war, albeit a low one.

As a result, over the past two years the IDF has virtually abandoned the multiyear plan set under Labor. Now the IDF says it is determined to stick with its latest five-year plan – Idan 2003 – which focuses on dealing with the growing threat of nonconventional weapons, improving deep-strike capabilities, maintaining readiness and modernization.

THE ARMY likes to perpetuate the impression that its budget has eroded over the past decade. It compares the shrinking percentage of its budget to the soaring GDP.

In his first meeting with military reporters as chief of general staff, Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz joined a long tradition of previous IDF commanders by saying the army was in a "deep financial crisis."

"Security costs money. Ensuring life takes precedence over standard of living. In the period of uncertainty that we are living in today we have to strengthen the IDF and there are new threats for which answers have to be found."

"Without a [budget] increase," Mofaz said. "We won't be able to give the level of security we think has to be provided."

Defense Ministry and IDF officials claim that inflation has also eroded US military aid over the past 20 years. They say that the $1.8b. it receives annually is worth only $744m. in 1977 dollars, due to rising prices. For the price of one modern Merkava tank you could buy 20 Soviet-built T-72s.

Operating costs have also skyrocketed as equipment becomes more advanced. A training hour in an F-15 jet is about $20,000, while an hour of instruction on a Merkava-2 tank runs $1,075.

Food and clothing costs are also rising with the growing number of conscripts.

In short, the army insists that its running costs are increasing against a stagnant budget, leaving fewer resources for research and development, training and stockpiling.

But Finance Ministry officials are quick to squash the credibility of military pauperism. According to Finance Ministry data and the Swedish-based SIPRI institute, the defense budget has actually enjoyed a steady growth of about NIS 640m. this decade.

But even this does not tell the real story.

In an attempt to cut back, the army has reduced the number of permanent officers, warrant officers and civilian employees and decreased reserve days from 10 million a year to under five million in the past decade. However, wages and pensions have continued to rise – currently making up 44.6 percent of the national defense budget, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The Treasury likes to blame the erosion of the defense budget on the salary hikes and retirement terms. A decade ago, the Defense Ministry was paying out about NIS 1b. in pensions. This year, the figure grew to NIS 2.15b. and according to Treasury figures the state will be paying NIS 3b. to its retired corps by 2005.

At the same time, the number of major generals and senior warrant officers has increased around 60 percent, and brigadier-general positions have increased by 40 percent, says the Finance Ministry.

"We have to pay a fair salary and honor the young people who are being drafted. This is a very technical army with a very serious challenge before it. It is generally accepted that we have to pay competitve salaries," Biran says in his defense.

BIRAN POINTS to the conclusions of the external committee that examined military salaries and pensions headed by Prof. Zvi Zussman, former deputy governor of the Bank of Israel. Zussman found that military wages were not inordinately high and grew more slowly than salaries in the public sector.

Another committee on defense expenditures headed by Prof. Haim Barkai, formerly of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, found that while the GDP had doubled in the past 17 years the resources allotted to the IDF have remained static, bringing its percentage of the GDP to a 30-year low at 7.3 percent.

"The resources available to the IDF today are not enough to allow the army to sustain its current order of battle without a serious increase in the defense budget," Barkai says.

His committee suggested cutting the military force by between 20 and 30 percent if the defense budget was not raised.

Biran counters that the IDF has already cut its order of battle – the number of units and equipment like tanks, jets and artillery – by about 10 percent in the past 15 years and says there are no intentions to cut down further.

Biran's third committee on resources was headed by David Boaz, a former Treasury budgets director. Boaz has proposed that the defense establishment prioritize its requirements or cut its size.

Boaz also recommended that Israel update its defense doctrine so the army could better plan its future. Defense Ministry officials said the defense doctrine is currently being reviewed and consolidated for approval.

The bottom line, Boaz said, was that his committee "recommends a moderate and stable increase in the defense budget over an extended period of time."

THE TREASURY officials have two words for Biran's committees: "a joke."

"You don't determine a budget by setting the needs of the army. Needs, like a wish list, are endless. The needs of the Ministry of Education or Infrastructure are much bigger than their budget. The way to cover the deficits is by setting priorities," a Finance Ministry official said. "They are also ignoring the needs of the Israeli market. It's nearsighted."

But Biran argues that the defense budget was last increased in 1991 and that the country can afford to increase defense spending.

"Inflation was at 18 percent then. Today it is 4 to 5 percent. Per-capita income was $11,000 then. Today it is $17,000," Biran says.

Israel, it appears, wants the best of both worlds. It yearns to be First World, yet it lives in a potential war zone.

Finance Ministry officials, their faces to the West, point out that defense budgets in the US and Europe have been slashed by 25 to 30 percent. The generals point to Israel's enemies who they claim have some $120 billion earmarked for defense spending over the next 15 years.

"We are not living on the moon. We are not calling to cut the defense budget in half, only to restrain it," said a senior Finance Ministry official. "There is lots of room for efficiency in the Ministry of Defense before we add one shekel to its budget."


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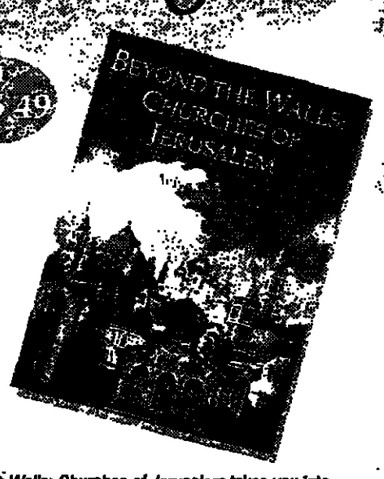
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# 'Islam isn't a code word for terrorist activity'

**In the latest initiative of a campaign to alter their negative image among Americans, US Moslems this week attacked 20th Century Fox's new film, 'The Siege,' for 'dangerous stereotyping of their religion.' Teresa Watanabe reports**



Moslems pray on Madison Avenue: Bridge-building is slow, but steady. (AP)

In the three weeks since the bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, Moslem organizations in the US have launched a major public affairs offensive designed to combat the public perception that Islam is synonymous with terrorism.

Faxing statements and urgent missives to the White House and media, delivering lectures, calling news conferences and protests and alerting members of the Moslem community on how to protect themselves in case of violence, the groups have become a significant presence in the American national debate, from which Moslem voices were largely absent until recently.

So far, they can claim slow but steady progress.

In 1995, after the federal office building in Oklahoma City was bombed – an act that many in the media initially, and falsely, blamed on Arab terrorists – one Moslem group documented 220 cases of violence and harassment.

Included on the list was an Oklahoma City Moslem woman who was so traumatized by a hooligan throwing rocks at her home that she went into premature labor and lost her seven-month pregnancy.

This time, by contrast, Moslem groups say few such incidents have surfaced, even though US officials have blamed the embassy bombings on a terrorist organization headed by Osama bin Laden, a Saudi businessman who says his anti-American actions are guided by his Islamic faith.

Moreover, in a major success for the groups, President Bill Clinton himself, in his address to the nation announcing US retaliation against bin Laden, made a point of emphasizing that Islam does not condone terrorism.

Wednesday, in the latest element of their campaign, Moslem protesters held a press conference to attack the new 20th Century Fox film, *The Siege*, for what they criticized as dangerously negative stereotypes of their religion.

The sizable media contingent – including 13 television cameras – and advance coverage of their grievances by three newspapers nationally illustrated their growing success.

Organizations such as the Moslem Public Affairs Council in Los Angeles and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in Anaheim are at the center of the campaign, grinding out newspaper articles and issuing reports and position papers on everything from "Islam in Central Asia" to "Voice of American Moslems and its Critical Absence in the Middle East Peace Process."

The organizations themselves are controversial in some circles. Critics have accused them of serving as front organizations for Middle Eastern groups, such as Hamas and Hizbullah, that the government considers terrorist organizations.

Steven Emerson, a Washington-based writer, for example, recently declared in a *Wall Street Journal* article that the Moslem Public Affairs Council had "repeatedly defended Hizbullah and other Islamic terrorist movements."

Moslem civil rights groups "in fact operate as propaganda and political arms of Islamic fundamentalist movements," Emerson charges.

Such assertions are "astounding" and "baseless," says Salam Marayati, executive director of the Moslem council.

Both Marayati's organization and CAIR say they are funded by private donations, mainly from American Moslems. The public affairs council says it specifically refuses to accept money from foreign governments and survives on an annual budget of $240,000 for its Los Angeles and Washington offices by using volunteers and summer interns.

On a recent afternoon at his office in the Islamic Center of Southern California, Marayati busily supervised an avalanche of staff projects.

"Hebrew Union College. October 13. Can you put that on the calendar, please?" Marayati yelled to his two summer interns, Sadiya Nasir, 19, an international relations major at the University of Southern California, and Wajma Ahmady, 22, a writing major at the University of California, San Diego.

Marayati and Hussam Ayloush of CAIR's Southern California office in Anaheim are two of the Islamic community's most public faces.

Both men are 30-something former engineers with US citizenship, articulate English, engaging personalities and intellects that beam in like radar on questionable assumptions about Islam.

Ask "Why have Moslem fundamentalists moved toward terrorism against the US?" and Ayloush promptly questions the question.

"Most Moslem fundamentalists do not resort to terrorism," he says, with the practiced air of a person who has delivered this explanation 1,000 times.

"The ones who resort to terrorism are not Moslems; basically they are extremists in their own right. Anyone who promotes terrorism is a terrorist, period. He is not an Islamic terrorist or Christian terrorist."

That many Americans view Islam as a code word for terrorism heads a list of public misconceptions Marayati aims to correct.

Others: "We're wife-beaters, women oppressors. We're Arabs. (In fact, African Americans comprise the largest single group of American Moslems at 40 percent, according to CAIR, and Asians command the largest group internationally.)

"We're a sect, the anti-Christ. We're an Eastern faith, like Hinduism or Buddhism, as opposed to a Western faith. We're antisemites, even though we're Semites ourselves.

"It's a long list," Marayati says with a weary smile. "The hardest part is to prove you're normal."

SUCH portrayals were the target of Wednesday's protest in front of the 20th Century Fox studios.

Although the stream of speakers said Fox had met with the community and softened some of the film's most egregious images, their demands to change the film's basic plot line were rejected.

The film centers on a bombing plot by Moslems in New York that provokes the US military to declare martial law and make mass arrests of Moslems.

But the news conference itself underscored the steady inroads Moslems are making in getting their message across. Aside from the sizable media response, the event also featured supporters from the Latino and African-American communities.

The bridge-building to other ethnic, political and religious organizations, backers say, is paying off in integrating the Moslem community into mainstream America.

When Marayati began his job a decade ago, he said, it was a fight even to get his calls returned.

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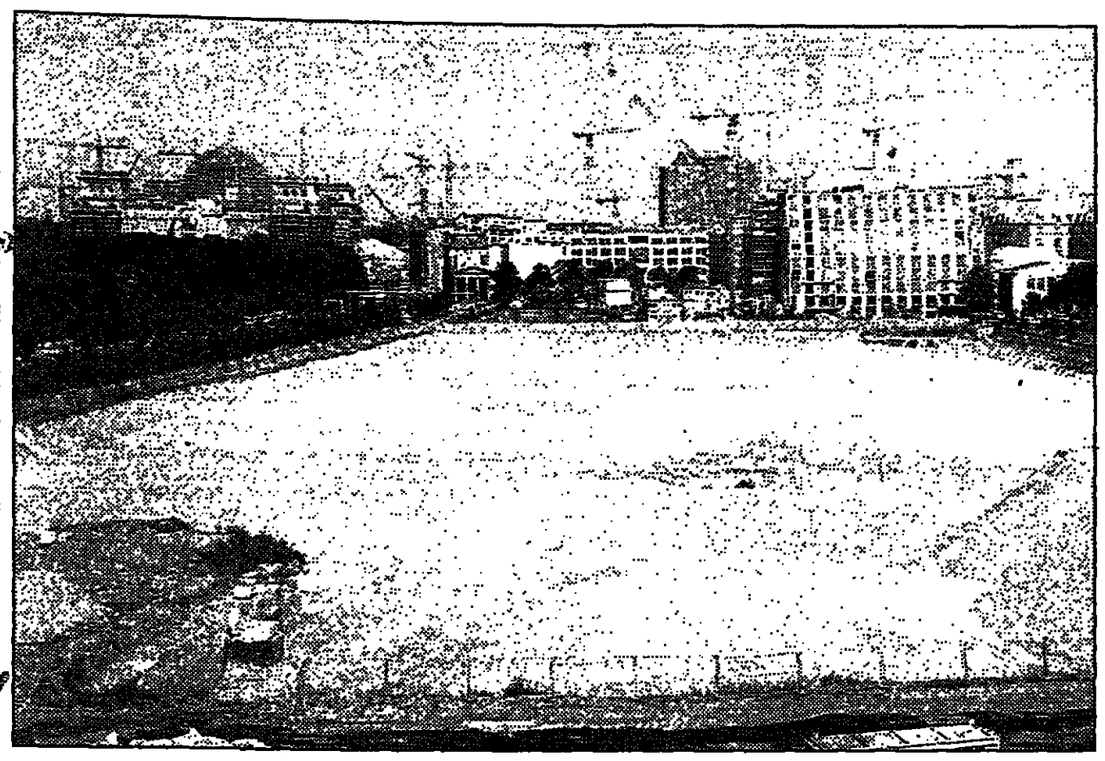
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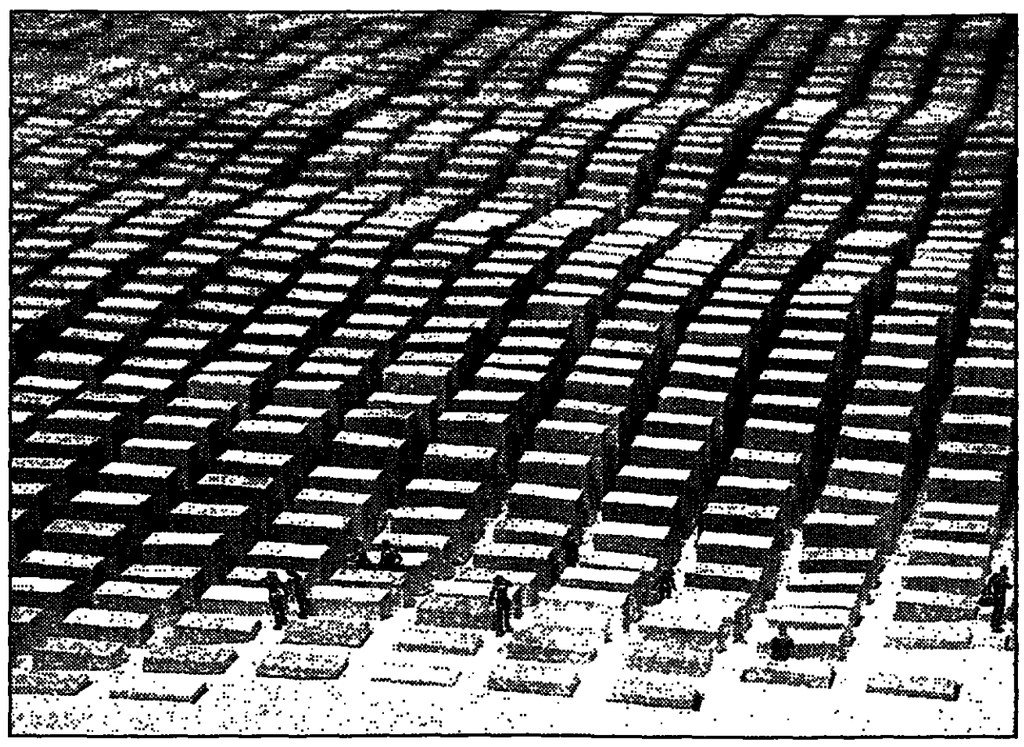

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Excavation work for a National Holocaust Memorial has already begun in the area close to the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag building, left. (Photos: AP)



A part of the model of the prospective memorial, designed by American architect Peter Eisenman. The overall effect is reported to be that of a graveyard.

# Berlin divided over Holocaust memorial

**A giant Holocaust memorial planned where the Berlin Wall once stood is pitting politicians against one another as Germany heads toward elections, Erik Kirschbaum reports**

A row over plans to build a huge memorial to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust has been put aside until after Germany's election campaign, a decision that threatens to doom the project.

Nearly 10 years after the idea of a tribute to the victims of Nazi terror was first proposed, it seemed until this week that the long-controversial memorial would finally be built in the heart of the capital before the end of the century.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the federal government had long championed the monument, and donated a vast plot of land in the middle of the city near Berlin's government quarter.

But Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen and Michael Naumann, who will be culture czar if the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) defeat Kohl next month, launched spirited last-minute challenges that revitalized the long-silenced naysayers.

The row cut across political lines, the gist of objections was that the monument would be too grandiose and out of place.

Finally, the Berlin state senate, or cabinet, postponed a decision on building the monument until after the September 27 elections.

The decision was a setback for Kohl, who is trailing SPD challenger Gerhard Schroeder in voter surveys and who sought to secure final approval for the monument this month.

Diepgen had deftly defied pressure from his political ally Kohl to openly challenge the project. He dismissed it as too monumental and misplaced, saying the center of Berlin had no historical connections to the Holocaust.

The mayor fears Berlin is turning into a "city of memorials and repentance."

Naumann, a prominent publisher, said he opposed the proposed memorial because its vast size was reminiscent of chief Nazi architect Albert Speer – an explosive analogy that drew hasty rebukes, but also applause from the numerous critics.

"I fear that a nation that tries to portray the greatest crime in its history as an elegant and chic monument will be crossing the threshold of shamelessness," Naumann said.

THE DESIGN by US architect Peter Eisenman won the backing of Kohl and the group of intellectuals led by writer Lea Rosh that is promoting the project. All that awaits is the Berlin government's decision.

Eisenman's design, which was shielded from the public until this week, calls for a landscape of 2,700 concrete pillars spread over a 20,000 square meter site – about the size of four football fields. The pillars would be 92 cm wide and in varying heights of up to 3 meters.

The overall effect is reported to be that of a graveyard – like a labyrinth that can be entered from any of its four sides.

While a majority of Germans say they favor the memorial in principle, many express reservations about the scale as well as its location. Some are simply opposed to the Eisenman design.

A recent survey by the Forsa institute found that 44 percent of Berliners polled were in favor and 46 percent opposed. Only 17 percent want a final decision before the election and 72 percent said they favored taking more time to decide.

"IT IS terribly difficult to find the appropriate answer," said Nikolaus Sander, a leader in the Berlin SPD who says he wholeheartedly supports the idea of a monument, but opposes Eisenman's blueprint.

"I don't know of any country in the world that has built a monument to its worst crimes, to the people killed in its name," Sander said.

"The Holocaust was unique and we need a unique memorial. I think the discussion has been good for Germany and, as far as I'm concerned, we should discuss it for another five years until we come up with the right solution."

Kohl's support of the project has been unwavering, although he is reported to have rejected a design that won a first round of competition in 1995. It called for the names of the six million victims to be carved into slabs of granite.

But the decision to delay a decision on the monument reflects the unmistakable winds of change in the air, and the chancellor's political powers appear to be growing weaker.

"It would be irresponsible to allow the decision for the monument to murdered European Jews to be dragged into the election campaign," said Michael-Andreas Butz, the city government spokesman.

Several cabinet ministers, from Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel to Defense Minister Volker Ruehe, had urged delaying the decision – doubtlessly aware that could mean the end of the memorial.

Political observers say it was inconceivable that such normally loyal Kohl allies would have challenged his word so publicly even six months ago.

"It's a bit ridiculous for people to say now they need more time after a discussion that's lasted 10 years," said Rosh, the 50-year-old Hamburg writer who leads the group of intellectuals. "Naturally it's a difficult subject for Germany, and the idea of building a monument to an act of shame in the middle of the thriving capital is striking nerves.

"But we can't close our eyes to it. There never was anything like the Holocaust and we have to face that."

Rosh, whose grandfather was Jewish, said it is understandable that Kohl had wanted to have the final decision made before the election, especially since Schroeder has hinted he backed Naumann's opposition to the memorial.

"Kohl wants to see it built," she said. "It's a very personal issue with him. He knows he may not win re-election and it is possible the whole project could be dropped."

THE EXCAVATION work for the memorial, which will cost about DM 15 million ($8.3 million), has already begun on a huge field in the center of Berlin that is laden with history.

It straddles the former Berlin Wall "death strip" that divided the city during the Cold War.

Near the south end of the field is the unmarked bunker of Adolf Hitler and at the north end is the recently discovered bunker of Nazi propaganda minister Josef Goebbels.

Even before it is built, the memorial has become a focal point for neo-Nazis. Manfred Roeder, a far-right candidate for parliament and a convicted bomber, recently said he would take a pick-axe to the Holocaust memorial.

"If he thinks he can do that, he should just come and try," said Rosh, who said similar threats were made over a smaller monument in Hanover a decade ago.

She said local citizens banded together to form overnight watch groups and there was never a problem.

"It's the task of this society to protect this monument," Rosh said. "We didn't protect the people. I hope we can protect the monument." (Reuters)



Kohl has long championed the monument, and donated a vast plot of land in the middle of the city for it.



Social Democrat challenger Gerhard Schroeder, who is leading Kohl in voter surveys, has hinted that he opposes the memorial.


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# Putting a price on antisemitism

**American Jew Jeffrey Graber was awarded a record $2.2 million earlier this month after suing his employers for nine years of racial slurs. He told Sue Fishkoff and Tom Tugend he 'did it for the little guy'**

When Joan Wood called Jeffrey Graber a "cheap Jew" for not kicking in for the boss's Christmas gift, she probably never dreamed she'd end up paying him $10,000 for the insult.

Earlier this month, 41-year-old Graber, a former senior equipment operator at the Los Angeles branch of Litton Guidance and Control Systems, a major US defense contractor, was awarded $2.2 million by a racially mixed LA jury for the physical and emotional distress he suffered as a result of nine years of his supervisors' antisemitic slurs.

During the trial, Graber testified that the company's photocopying and binding division, Reprographics, where he worked from 1985 to 1994, was a hotbed of racism, where the plant manager and two supervisors hurled racially based epithets at Mexicans, Polish-Americans and Jews with impunity.

"They were always using the 'n' word for black people," Graber said in an interview from his present home in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan, where he moved in September 1995 and where he now works as a car salesman.

"They told 'Polack' jokes, excuse me for saying that. I was never brought up that way. My father taught me that everyone is equal in this world. I was raised to respect all people."

Graber testified that when he refused to contribute to his plant manager's Christmas gift, Wood, the division's assistant supervisor, called him a "cheap Jew." He told the court that, on other occasions, when he'd show up at work wearing something new, she'd ask him, in a joking manner, whether he'd "Jewed them down on the price."

"They called me kike, dirty Jew, Big Nose, [they talked about me] Jewing them down – it was unbelievable," Graber said. "It was one big joke to them."

Yeah, well, so what? Names can't hurt, right?

In his case, Graber said, they hurt plenty, sending him on a downward physical and emotional spiral that landed him in more than two dozen doctors' offices and a hospital emergency room, culminating in his reliance on a heavy, daily dose of two antidepressants, upon which he is still dependant.

A court-appointed physician, and the jury, agreed with Graber. The plant manager and two supervisors named in his suit were declared guilty of harassment, and are each personally liable for $10,000 in damages. Litton is liable for more than $550,000 in lost wages and emotional distress, and more than $1.6 million in punitive damages.

THAT'S a lot to pay for an insult. But in litigious LA, where folks sue with as much alacrity as they return phone calls, Graber's case is not extraordinary.

**"They called me kike, dirty Jew, Big Nose... [they talked about me] Jewing them down – it was unbelievable"**

His lawyer, James Leonard Brown, said that while he believes $2.2 million is the largest amount awarded in an antisemitism case in LA County, it is by no means the highest award in a workplace discrimination case.

In recent months alone, LA juries have awarded $26 million in a case of age discrimination, and $6 million in a separate case of anti-black discrimination.

A spokesperson for Data Research Inc., which keeps track of LA-area court verdicts, said that while the company does not track antisemitic discrimination as a separate category, most discrimination suits are settled out of court. She added that $200,000 to $300,000 was considered a good award, and that a $2.2 million verdict was very rare.

Brown opted to file Graber's action in California state court rather than US federal court because the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act tends to be more favorable to the plaintiff, and damages awarded can be higher than under the US Civil Rights Act of 1964, which would control a federal case.

Even so, he made two separate offers to Litton to settle the case before trial – for $750,000 and then for $500,000. Litton made a counter-offer of $35,000, which Brown rejected.

Graber insisted he didn't sue Litton for the money.

"I'm not rich, but I have a nice house and some money," he said. "But I wanted to stop this from happening in the workplace. This cannot be tolerated in 1998."

Brown described the printing division as a small, blue-collar operation separate from Litton's main plant. He said the plant manager and his two supervisors considered it "as their domain, where they could do anything they wanted."

The harassment went beyond name-calling, according to the testimony of several of Graber's co-workers.

One man told the court that when he complained to the plant manager about the racist atmosphere in the printing division, he was told: "If you don't like it here, get another job." The man was fired a month later.

NO ONE from Litton's management or affirmative-action office showed up for the court case, according to Brown. Graber's plant manager and two supervisors denied in court that they made antisemitic statements to him, and denied even knowing that he was Jewish.

In the face of witness testimony, Wood did admit she said Graber must have "Jewed down the price" on a watch he bought.

Graber said he complained about the antisemitic harassment "dozens of times over the years" to the company's human resources and affirmative action departments, to no avail.

By 1990, when he'd worked for Litton for five years, he said he began to develop mental and physical problems. His primary care physician suggested he see a psychologist, but he couldn't afford the co-payments, so his physician prescribed anti-anxiety medication instead.

**Graber won't feel vindicated until the three people who harassed him get fired from their jobs. "These are evil people. No one should have to go through this"**

One evening in 1992, while sitting in his living room, Graber felt such sharp pain in his chest that he suspected he was having a heart attack, so he went to the emergency room of LA's Northridge Hospital.

"They put me on medication for hypertension, high blood pressure and ulcers," he reports.

Everything "came to a head," he said, in October 1994.

"I went to my doctor and said, 'I'm at the end of my rope,' and she put me on full disability."

"When I handed in the form to the lady at employee relations, I was crying, shaking. She said she thought I was having a heart attack right there. She said, 'I never realized it was that bad,' and I said, 'I've been telling you this for years.'"

GRABER was sent to more than 20 doctors and psychiatrists and was given, he said, "every test in the book – cardiograms, stress test, upper respiratory, lower respiratory, everything." Litton's own company doctor extended his disability and, in January 1995, put Graber on the antidepressant drugs Prozac and Klonipin, which he still takes daily.

"My life was pretty much destroyed," he said. "My wife almost divorced me. I took my anger out on my kids. I'm on medication."

Graber contacted the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) soon after he left Litton in late 1994. He filed a formal complaint with the ADL's LA office in January 1995, but never heard back from them. Apparently the ADL counsel who dealt with his complaint soon moved on to another job, and his case fell through the cracks.

Asked about Graber's case last week, Sue Stengel, Western States Counsel for ADL, couldn't find his file and didn't know whether there had been any follow-up action.

Graber said the first time he heard back from the ADL was last week, when "someone" from the LA office called and said they "wanted to follow up" on his case. He doesn't feel the organization slighted him, and is eager for their involvement.

Although he admitted to being "elated" by his court victory, Graber said he wouldn't feel vindicated until the three individuals who harassed him got fired from their jobs.

"That would be more painful for the company than the money," he said. "It would mean admitting they did something wrong."

Litton is not commenting on the case yet.

"The issue is not closed, and the judgment has not been rendered," said Litton spokesman Brandon Belote from company headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. "There are a number of motions still outstanding. It is our policy not to comment on cases that are still open."

The court will reconvene September 3 to consider, among other things, Litton's motion for mistrial.

Said ADL counsel Stengel of the verdict, "It is encouraging that the jury stood up and said in a loud and clear voice that discrimination in the workplace wouldn't be tolerated."

"It's like David and Goliath," Graber exulted. "I went against a multibillion-dollar company, and I won. It's the little guy slaying the giant. But these are evil people. No one should have to go through this."

"I was raised as a Jew, and I'm proud of my heritage. They messed with the wrong person."

## Dry Bones




## GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN



**Cinema owner Iszo Shani celebrates Ukrainian Independence Day with a trio of models.** (Hanoch Grizitzki)

Ukrainian Consul Irena Shevchenko turned her country's Independence Day into a two-day celebration. The second day, at the Herzliya Country Club, was the usual diplomatic affair – but the first, at The Six Magnificent Theaters cinema complex in the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, was a display of what well-dressed ladies in Kiev are wearing. **Iszo Shani**, proprietor of the cinema complex, who has extensive business interests in the Ukraine, made the premises available free of charge as a goodwill gesture. The designs were by **Olga Tyufyakova**, one of the leading designers of Olga and Simonov, a six-year-old company which has established an enviable reputation in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Local fashion designer **Sara Miller** was among the spectators, as were Egyptian Ambassador **Mohammed Bassiouny** and his wife **Nagwa**, who was very appreciative of some of the Ukrainian creations.

FASHION iconoclast **Jean Paul Gaultier**, who has clothed Madonna and who is best known in Israel for designing the dress worn by **Dana International** when she won the Eurovision Song Contest earlier this year, arrived in Israel this week on a private visit. Gaultier succeeded in evading the media for the first 48 hours of his stay, but was recognized by a press photographer as he stood in the doorway of the Tel Aviv Hilton. He has refused all requests for interviews and, other than taking time out to tour Jerusalem, has been secluded in his 16th-floor luxury suite. The designer is scheduled to meet with Dana International tomorrow, and will return to Paris on Sunday.

AFTER the attorney-general, **Elyakim Rubinstein**, ruled that the outrageous salary promised to **Haim Yavin** be reduced by 40%, lawyers for Yavin and the Broadcasting Authority returned to the negotiating table. In the final settlement, Yavin's earnings will stand at the shekel equivalent of around $14,000 per month, which is over NIS 52,000. While this is considerably less than the $23,500 originally agreed to, it is still far in excess of the monthly salary earned by Prime Minister **Binyamin Netanyahu**. With the NIS 1,626 increase to be paid into his October salary, the premier will be earning only NIS 31,741, even though his daily broadcasts are bilingual. There's no justice in the world.

IN the revolving-door policy of Broadcasting Authority director-general **Uri Porat**, who is bringing back old stars, we've already seen former athletics champion and sports commentator **Nissim Kiviti** reinstalled behind the microphone. Now we're going to see and hear **Matti Golan**, a former *Globes* and *Telegraph* editor and a radio and TV talk-show host, whose career with the IBA spans at least two decades. Golan will be hosting a media critique program to be aired both on Israel Radio and on Channel 1.

THERE'S no such thing as a private life for the prime minister or his wife, Sara. Moments after the couple arrived at the Attraction Water Park at Kalya beach on the Dead Sea, they turned around and retraced their steps. Television cameramen and stills photographers followed in hot pursuit, only to discover that the couple had gone to answer a somewhat different call of nature.




**Designer Jean Paul Gaultier: whirlwind visit to Tel Aviv**

Organizers of the PM's visit to the area were on the ball. Having read about the incident at the opening of the Jubilee Exhibition, when Defense Minister **Yitzhak Mordechai** found himself without a chair because Sara Netanyahu had sat in the seat designated for him, organizers made sure that this time there was a chair with her name on it.

IT was definitely a win for Mifal Hapayis director-general **Ya'acov Bardugo**. But it wasn't money he was clutching so close to his chest. It was his newborn son, **Yehonatan**, who was inducted into the faith this week – and where else but at Gan Oranim, the Tel Aviv catering establishment to which members of the celebrity circuit beat a well-trodden path? Among those who came to offer congratulations were Gesher chief and former foreign minister **David Levy**, for whom Bardugo previously worked as a dollar-a-year man, **Ahmed Tibi**, who liaises between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Labor Party chairman **Ehud Barak**, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who not so long ago became a new father himself, and MKs **Dalia Itzik**, **Haim Ramon** and **Michael Eitan**.

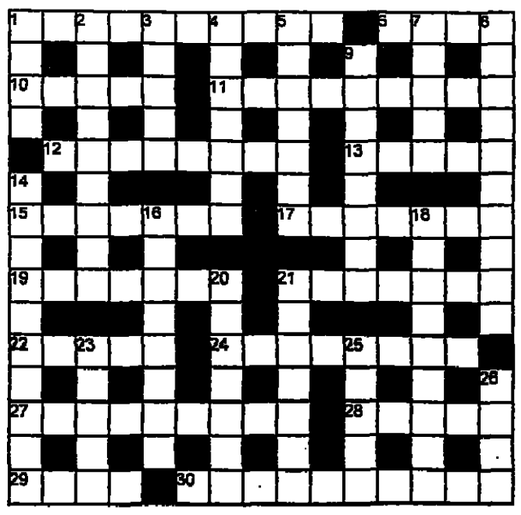
## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 He importantly alerts police to excellent cannabis (10)
6 Sounds like two fruit (4)
10 Relaxed wearing fine fabric (5)
11 Dress down thus for formal occasion? (9)
12 Be beaten, and look to shed dignity (4,4)
13 Bear, mark, is a symbolic animal (5)
15 Naturally, a brief screening of highlights? (7)
17 Security is held back in store (7)
19 Leave main road—it is a bore (4,3)
21 Said my poor start to season causes gloom (7)
22 Argumentative boatman? (5)
24 Better perhaps being on track (8)
27 End of fighting—it's a crime to scrap (9)
28 Knowing a conflict has point (5)
29 Choice of penalty (4)
30 Law not applicable to departed landlord (4,6)

**DOWN**

1 Thus twice as indifferent (2-2)
2 Work of poor art, I bet—churned out to get money in (9)
3 Walk about mountains (5)
4 But it wasn't just Soviet bureaucracy (3,4)
5 Do well to follow (7)
7 Flat time at special occasion (5)
8 Emma is hurt badly by this complaint (10)
9 Sly pup at play with another animal (8)
14 Gambler takes drink for wife (6,4)
16 Stately journey made by prince and terrible woman (8)
18 Being frugal, leave piece for future use (5,4)
20 Pardon four involved in fake (7)
21 Ordered notes on statement of belief (7)
23 Ladies conquered and enslaved me (5)
25 Sound very good? Sound incongruous (5)
26 Terror of loud organ (4)

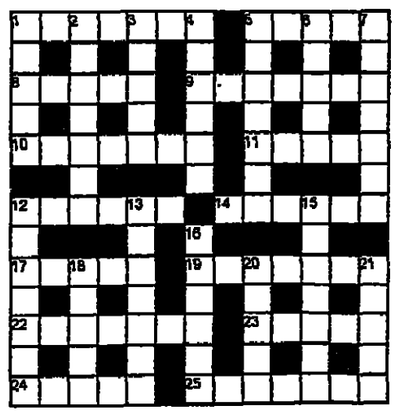


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## QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Sticks of burning fragrance (7)
5 Prophetess (5)
8 Awe (5)
9 Is this a suicidal mammal? (7)
10 Affirms (7)
11 Beer (5)
12 Monotony (6)
14 Dried fruit (6)
17 Accumulate (5)
19 Cry out (7)
22 Chaser (7)
23 Exemplar (5)
24 Alter (5)
25 Irish hooch (7)

**DOWN**

1 Sub-continent (5)
2 Crumpled (7)
3 Low point (5)
4 Enrol (6)
5 African state (7)
6 Fetch (5)
7 Shackle (3-4)
12 Tread heavily (7)
13 Unreliable (7)
15 Swathe (7)
16 Pull apart (4,2)
18 Concur (5)
20 Heavenly body (5)
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**Jerusalem:** Jaffa Gate, 628-3898; Batsam, Salah e-Din, 627-2315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 581-0108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 628-2058.
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### Saturday, August 29

**Jerusalem:** (day) Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 670-6660; (evening) Center Pharm, Har Hahotzvim, 586-9744; (day and evening) Balsam, Salah e-Din, 627-2315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 581-0108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 628-2058. **Tel Aviv:** Jabotinsky, 125 Ibn Gvirol, 546-2040; Briut, 28 King George, 528-3731.
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### Friday, August 28

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**Tel Aviv:** Tel Aviv Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics), Tel Aviv Medical Center (internal, surgery).
**Netanya:** Laniado.

### Saturday, August 29

**Jerusalem:** Hadassah Mt. Scopus (internal, orthopedics); Shaare Zedek (surgery); Hadassah Ein Kerem (obstetrics, ophthalmology); Bikur Holim (pediatrics, ENT).
**Tel Aviv:** Tel Aviv Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (internal, surgery).
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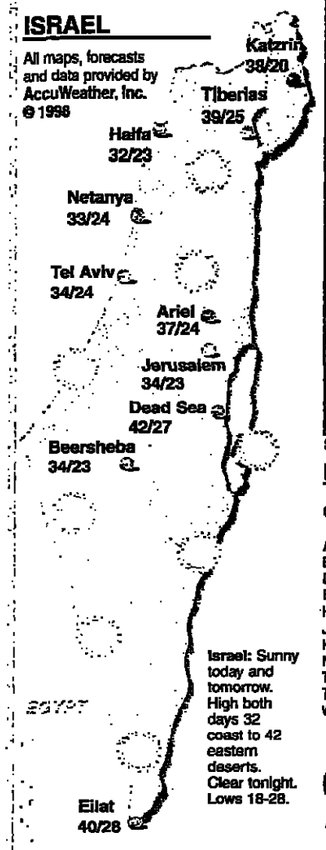
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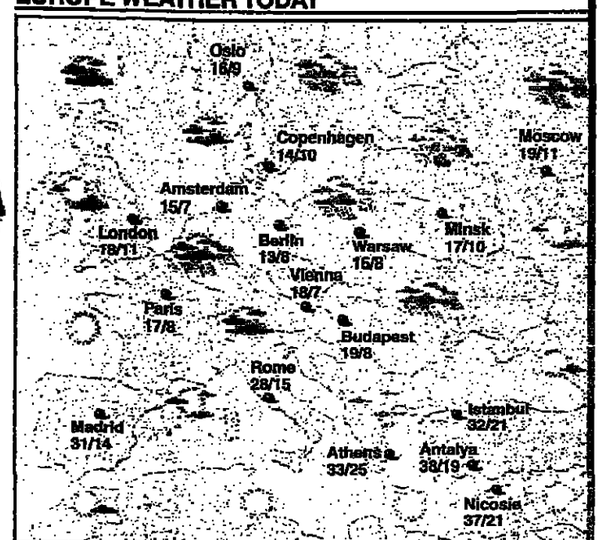
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## EUROPE WEATHER TODAY




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## ISRAEL CITIES

| City | Today High C/F | Today Low/W C/F | Saturday High C/F | Saturday Low/W C/F | Sunday High C/F | Sunday Low/W C/F | Monday High C/F | Monday Low/W C/F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ariel | 37/98 | 24/75/s | 39/102 | 25/77/s | 38/100 | 25/77/pc | 37/98 | 24/75/ |
| Beersheba | 34/93 | 23/73/s | 36/97 | 23/73/s | 36/97 | 23/73/pc | 36/97 | 21/70/ |
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| Eilat | 40/104 | 28/82/s | 40/104 | 28/82/s | 42/107 | 28/82/pc | 42/107 | 28/82/ |
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| Netanya | 33/91 | 24/75/s | 33/91 | 24/75/s | 35/95 | 24/75/pc | 35/95 | 26/79/ |
| Tel Aviv | 34/93 | 24/75/s | 34/93 | 24/75/s | 36/97 | 26/79/pc | 36/97 | 26/79/ |
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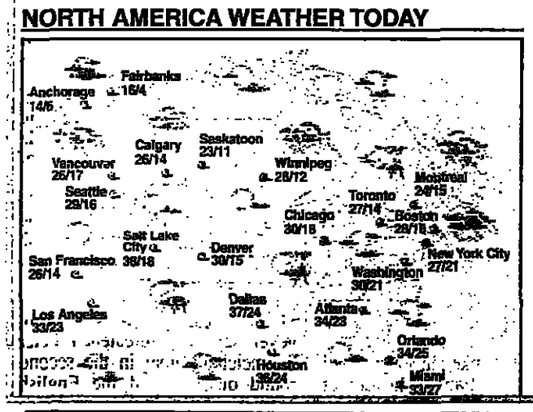
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 15/59 | 7/44/c | 14/57 | 13/55/r | 22/71 | 14/57/ |
| Beijing | 32/89 | 21/70/s | 31/88 | 21/70/pc | 29/84 | 21/70/ |
| Berlin | 13/55 | 8/46/sh | 16/61 | 9/48/r | 18/64 | 10/50/ |
| Brussels | 14/57 | 7/44/c | 15/59 | 12/53/sh | 21/70 | 13/55/ |
| Cairo | 36/97 | 23/73/s | 37/99 | 25/77/s | 37/99 | 24/75/ |
| Chicago | 30/86 | 18/64/pc | 23/84 | 17/62/pc | 26/79 | 16/61/ |
| Frankfurt | 11/52 | 10/50/r | 15/59 | 7/44/r | 17/62 | 8/46/ |
| Hong Kong | 32/89 | 27/80/pc | 32/89 | 27/80/pc | 31/88 | 26/7 |
| Johannesburg | 20/68 | 6/43/s | 23/73 | 8/46/s | 24/75 | 8/46/ |
| London | 18/64 | 11/52/pc | 19/66 | 14/57/sh | 24/75 | 16/61/ |
| Los Angeles | 33/91 | 23/73/s | 34/93 | 19/66/s | 34/93 | 19/66 |
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| Paris | 17/62 | 8/46/s | 17/62 | 11/52/pc | 22/71 | 13/55/ |
| Prague | 11/52 | 8/46/sh | 14/57 | 7/44/r | 16/61 | 8/43/ |
| Rio de Janeiro | 27/80 | 21/70/pc | 25/77 | 20/68/pc | 23/73 | 16/61/ |
| Rome | 28/82 | 15/59/pc | 25/77 | 13/55/s | 24/75 | 15/59/ |
| Sydney | 18/64 | 9/48/s | 21/70 | 11/52/s | 25/77 | 18/6 |
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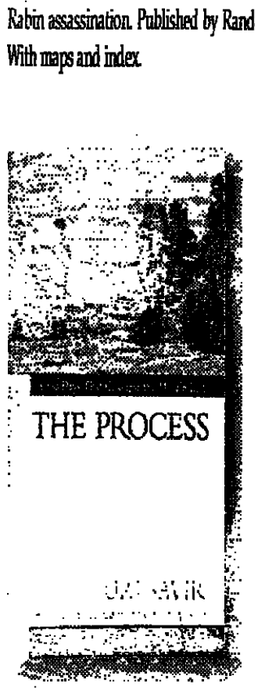
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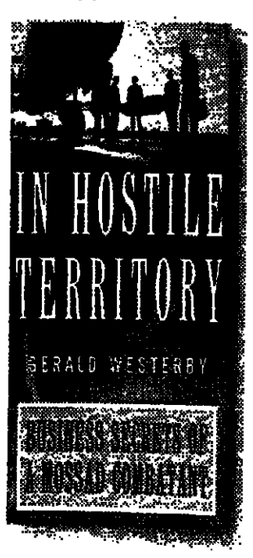



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# Feeling groovy

## McGwire, Sosa will need fearless pitching to reach 62

**MY CALL**

By JOE HOFFMAN

IT's a lead-pipe cinch that both Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa are going to fly past 61 home runs this season. And a big part of the reason is that both players are so damn lovable.

Consider what McGwire has done for the sport. In the big picture, his accomplishments are no less remarkable than Babe Ruth's in the '20s – the revival of baseball as a respectable institution. Hobbled by the 1919 Black Sox scandal, Ruth started hitting home runs like no other to gave the sport a whole new dimension.

McGwire's blasts are having the same effect. Still reeling from the World Series-less year of 1994, Major League Baseball is watching McGwire bring 'em back to the turnstiles, just to marvel at his batting practice slams. He gets standing ovations and demands for curtain calls on road trips. Every fan wants to see him hit one out, to be part of that amazing season of 1998 – when Roger Maris's mark was broken more than once.

But McGwire is beloved not only due to his Ruthian talents. After signing with the St. Louis Cardinals last year, he inked a contract extension instead of opting for free agency at season's end, making it clear right away there were aspects of the game more important than money.

And speaking of money, he donates $1 million each year to a fund for abused children.

Fans love Sammy Sosa, too. He is about as different in body and soul from the big first baseman as he could be. McGwire looks Herculean. Sosa reminds one of Willy Mays. Not only does he share the same physical dimensions, but he plays with an abandon that is also reminiscent of baseball's No. 3 home run hitter.

McGwire is cerebral, measured; Sosa is gung-ho, undisciplined. Sosa is the kid in us all, jumping around the bases; Big Mac rarely raises an eyebrow.

SO what's all this got to do with love?

Actually, it has to do with pitching.

If the National League mound corps starts to get jittery and walks McGwire every second at bat, then the big guy might not make it. He is already on course to break Ruth's records for free passes in a single season.

Who wants to go down in history as the pitcher who walked Mac five times in the season finale to deny him the mark? Better to be the hurler who fanned him five times to cut short his quest.

But there are a lot of ways to make the record books – just ask Tom Zachary in 1927 and Tracy Stallard in '61. No one would die in agony to be known as the pitcher who served up McGwire's or Sosa's 62nd.

And this is NOT about grooving one. His countryman Jose Lima of the Astros was questioned if he didn't serve one up to McGwire last week with the Astros enjoying a huge lead.

Lima said: "Leading 13-2, I'm not going to throw a slider or a changeup to him. If I walk him with four sliders or four changeups, they're going to boo me. I would feel like a chicken."

But the fact remains that it was a game that didn't matter. And we're going to see a lot of games like that in the last month of the season. We're still in August and five of the six divisions are sewed up. Only the AL West has some interest, together with the wild card.

Since Sosa's Chicago Cubs are still vying with the Mets and the Giants for the fourth National league playoff spot, McGwire might have the edge.

Back in '61, it was Mickey Mantle, not Maris, whom fans wanted to see break the record. In 1938, there was barely a non-Jewish soul around who rooted for Hank Greenberg to go past 60. And support for Hank Aaron to top Ruth's career mark? Fuggedaboudit!

But who's worthier than McGwire? *Everybody* wants to see him do it.

Pitchers, too.

### Despite losing shoe mid-match

# Rusedski beats Meligeni



RIGHT BACK AT YOU – Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic gets set to hit a backhand return to Chanda Rubin of the US. Novotna defeated Rubin 6-1, 7-5. (AP)

COMMACK, New York – Greg Rusedski, in only his second tournament since being sidelined seven weeks with a tear in his left ankle, overcame a broken right shoe during the tiebreaker to beat Brazil's Fernando Meligeni 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) on Wednesday in the Hamlet Cup.

Meligeni thought Rusedski, last year's US Open runnerup, was stalling for time in the tiebreaker as he changed shoes with the score 2-2.

"The heel actually fell off," the 24-year-old Briton said.

"I can't help it if my shoe fell apart and I certainly did not want to risk another broken ankle. I showed it to the officials and actually pulled on the shoe to show them the break.

Rusedski commited 38 unforced errors, but "that is of no concern as long as I won," he said. "It takes seven matches to win the US Open and all seven aren't going to be outstanding."

David Prinosil of Germany, who got into the tournament because Yegeny Kafelnikov withdrew because of injury, beat defending Hamlet champion and current French Open titleist Carlos Moya of Spain 6-2, 6-2. Moya is ranked 10th in the world, Prinosil 81st.

Russia's Matt Safin, an 18-year-old rookie on the ATP Tour, reached a tournament quarter-finals for the first time by defeating Filip Dewulf of Belgium 7-6 (8-6), 6-1.

And Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic upset ninth-seeded Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Safin, who started the year ranked 204th, climbed to No. 72 this week, partially as a result of scoring five-set victories over Andre Agassi and Gustavo Kuerten in the French Open. He then lost to Cedric Pioline in the third round.

**Bjorkman advances in MFS championships**

Top-seeded Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden rallied to defeat Galo Blanco of Spain 6-2 7-6 (7-5) to gain the quarter-finals of the MFS Pro Tennis Championships.

"I was pleased because I played my game. I got to the net and played aggressively," said Bjorkman.

Bjorkman, looking for his second title of the year, broke his opponent's service in the first game of the match, and after a 20-minute delay due to a power failure, his aggressive, net-charging game put Blanco on defense the rest of the set.

There were no breaks in the second set, but at 5-4 Blanco held a set point before Bjorkman fought back to deuce and eventually held serve.

Blanco was down 0-40 in the next game but then he also saved serve to force a tiebreaker. With Bjorkman ahead 6-5 in the breaker, Blanco returned into the net to lose the match.

Defending champion Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands blasted groundstrokes with depth and accuracy in a 6-1 6-1 victory over American Jeff Tarango.

Tarango, who had upset second seed Karol Kucera the night before, complained of a sore hip and the tournament scheduling for his problems against the 21-year-old Dutchman.

Schalken's opponent will be countryman Paul Haarhuis, who defeated Czech Jiri Novak 6-1 4-6 7-5.

**Davenport, Novotna win at Pilot Pen**

Top seed Lindsay Davenport of the United States and second seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic were second-round winners at the $450,000 Pilot Pen International in New Haven, Connecticut.

Davenport, the defending champion, won by walkover when Spain's Virginia Ruano-Pascual could not play due to a left hamstring injury. Davenport is seeking her fourth straight title.

Seeded second at next week's US Open, Davenport could overtake Martina Hingis as the world's top-ranked player if she wins the final Grand Slam event of the year. She has won 13 straight matches, including a three-set triumph over Hingis in the Acura Classic final two weeks ago.

Novotna, who won Wimbledon this year, posted a 6-1 7-5 victory over American Chanda Rubin. The third seed at the upcoming US Open, Novotna has won four titles this year.

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the third seed here, was eliminated by France's Julie Halard-Decugis 7-6 (8-6) 6-2.

Germany's Anke Huber knocked off sixth seed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 7-5 7-6 (7-2). Huber will next face Davenport.

Seventh seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa ousted Russian teenager Anna Kournikova 1-6 6-4 7-5, to set up a quarter-final meeting with fourth seed Steffi Graf of Germany. (AP, Reuters)

# Tough draw for United

MONACO (AP) – Bayern Munich, Barcelona and Manchester United will meet in a clash of European titans following yesterday's draw for the group stage of the Champions League.

The three former European champions were drawn together in Group D, being dubbed the "Group of Death," along with Danish champion Brondby.

In the first round of matches, Manchester United will host Barcelona in what is sure to be a packed Old Trafford on September 16.

In another mouthwatering clash resulting from the draw in Monaco, European Cup holder and seven time winner Real Madrid will face Italian powerhouse Inter Milan in Group C.

Spartak Moscow and Austria's Sturm Graz completes the group.

Group F also looks tough, pitting former European champions Benfica and PSV Eindhoven against German champion Kaiserslautern.

Minnow Helsinki, which has only five professional players on its roster, completes the group.

English champion Arsenal will probably be without star striker Dennis Bergkamp for two long away trips – the Dutchman is scared of flying – but will still be hopeful that it can progress to the quarter-finals from Group E.

The Gunners come face to face with French champion Lens, Greece's Panathanaikos and Dynamo Kiev of Ukraine.

Juventus, which has reached the last three European champions league finals, looks to have landed in a relatively comfortable group.

It will face Spanish runner-up Athletic Bilbao, Norwegian champion Rosenborg and Turkey's Galatasaray in Group B.

In Group A, Ajax Amsterdam will start out as firm favorite against Portugal's Porto, Croatia Zagreb and Olympiakos of Greece.

Manchester United eased into the European Champions' League on Wednesday, holding Polish champions LKS Lodz 0-0 to advance 2-0 on aggregate.

The Polish side, playing before a 10,000-capacity home crowd, never seriously threatened Peter Schmeichel's goal in the second round qualifier and the English Premier League runners-up joined champions Arsenal in the lucrative league round.

Rarely stretched, United had the better of the match played in wet, rainy conditions and were unlucky not to leave the central Polish city with a win.

# BASEBALL

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**Cubs 9, Reds 2**

Sammy Sosa finally made contact against Brett Tomko, hitting a towering shot for his 52nd homer as visiting Chicago ended a four-game losing streak.

Kerry Wood (12-6) struck out 16 in eight innings, the second-highest total of his rookie season, as he won for the first time since July 31.

Sosa, who had struck out in his four career at-bats against Tomko (11-10), hit a solo homer in the third inning that smacked an advertising panel on the facing of the third deck in left-center field.

**Mets 4, Giants 1**

Hideo Nomo pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the visiting Mets retained their lead in the National League wild-card chase.

Nomo, returning to the park where he made his major league debut in 1995 and in which he came within five outs of a perfect game later that season, had the Giants swinging wildly throughout the game.

Nomo (6-11) did not allow a runner until Jeff Kent led off the fifth with a soft single to left. He struck out Barry Bonds three times, whiffed the side in the third inning, and walked only two.

**Padres 2, Phillies 0**

Joey Hamilton pitched seven strong innings and Steve Finley homered for visiting San Diego.

Hamilton (11-11) gave up five hits in winning for the sixth time in seven decisions. He struck out four and walked four.

Randy Myers pitched a perfect eighth and Trevor Hoffman worked the ninth for his career-high 43rd save. Hoffman is one short of the team record set by Mark Davis in 1989.

**Brewers 6, Rockies 5**

Bill Pulsipher pitched six shutout innings, Jeff Cirillo hit a solo home run and Phil Garner earned his 500th victory as a major league manager.

The visiting Brewers broke a three-game losing streak. They led 6-0 before the Rockies rallied for five runs in the eighth.

**Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 3**

Light-hitting Kevin Polcovich drove in three runs and the visiting Pirates won their ninth straight game.

Polcovich, with just two hits in his previous 34 at-bats and batting only .189, helped Pittsburgh extend its longest winning streak since an 11-game string in September 1996.

Jeff Tabaka (2-1) got the win in relief of starter Chris Peters. Rich Loiselle got the last out for his 17th save.

Omar Daal (6-9) took the loss.

**Dodgers 4, Expos 3**

Eric Young's home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning gave host Los Angeles the victory.

Montreal had tied it with two runs in the top of the inning before dropping their seventh straight game.

Steve Kline (2-5) retired Charles Johnson on a grounder to short and struck out Adrian Beltre before Young drove a 1-2 pitch over the wall in right for his fifth homer.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**Angels 6, Yankees 4 (1st)**
**Yankees 7, Angels 6 (2nd)**

With the Yankees on their worst losing streak in nearly a year, Derek Jeter stopped the skid with a run-scoring single in the ninth inning that led New York to victory in the second game of a day-night doubleheader.

The Angels are 6-4 against the Yankees this season – the only team to lead New York in the season series.

In the opener, Jeff Juden (1-2) won for the first time in 11 starts, allowing four runs and three hits in 6⅓ innings.

Ryan Bradley (1-1) was the Game I loser.

**Red Sox 7, Athletics 4**

Darren Lewis delivered the tie-breaking hit for the second consecutive game with a two-run single in the eighth inning.

Lewis, who homered leading off the seventh inning of host Boston's 3-2 win on Tuesday, grounded a bases-loaded single through a drawn-in infield in the eighth to give Boston a 6-4 lead.

The Red Sox, who have won 15 times this season in their last at-bat, are 9-1 against the A's this season.

**Indians 5, Mariners 3**

Manny Ramirez hit his 32nd homer and second in two nights, and rookie Richie Sexson was 4-for-4 with a homer.

Ken Griffey Jr. was 1-for-4 with a single and failed to homer for the second straight game, keeping him at an AL-high 44. The ailing Mariners have lost five straight to host Cleveland and nine of 10 this season.

**Royals 7, Blue Jays 2**

Tim Belcher pitched a three-hitter and Dean Palmer hit a three-run homer for visiting Kansas City.

Belcher (12-10) retired the final 17 in winning for the first time in four starts and getting his first complete game this season. The 36-year-old right-hander has pitched at least six innings in 18 straight starts.

**Twins 7, Devil Rays 3**

Bob Tewksbury won in his first start since coming off the disabled list for Minnesota.

The host Devil Rays lost their fifth straight game.

Tewksbury (6-9), who been sidelined since mid-July by a sore right shoulder, allowed two runs and four hits in five innings.

He retired the Devil Rays in order in the first three innings.

**Rangers 8, Tigers 6**

Juan Gonzalez drove in four runs to raise his major league-leading RBI total to 133, leading host Texas over Detroit.

Gonzalez went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a single as the Rangers stayed within three games of first-place Anaheim in the AL West.

**White Sox 12, Orioles 5**

Frank Thomas hit his 25th homer and tripled, driving in four runs as visiting Chicago won.

Thomas homered to cap a six-run second when the White Sox did all their scoring with two outs, and he hit a two-run triple in the sixth. Despite a subpar season in which he has batted around .250 for most of the year, Thomas now has 86 RBIs.

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| Cincinnati | 010 | 010 | 000 | —2 | 4 | 2 |

Wood, Beck (9) and Houston; Tomko, Remlinger (6), Graves (6) and Taubensee. W—Wood, 12-6. L—Tomko, 11-10. HRs—Chicago, Sosa (52). Cincinnati, A.Boone (1).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 200 | 020 | 000 | —4 | 9 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 000 | 010 | 000 | —1 | 3 | 2 |

Nomo and Piazza; Hershiser, Johnstone (7), Mesa (9) and B.Johnson. W—Nomo, 8-11. L—Hershiser, 9-9. HR—New York, L.Harris (3).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 100 | 100 | 000 | —2 | 8 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 000 | 000 | 000 | —0 | 5 | 0 |

J.Hamilton, Ra.Myers (8), Hoffman (9) and Leyritz, C.Hernandez (6); Portugal, Y.Perez (6), Spradlin (6) and Estalella. W—J.Hamilton, 11-11. L—Portugal, 8-4. Sv—Hoffman (43). HR—San Diego, S.Finley (11).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 001 | 301 | 001 | —6 | 10 | 1 |
| Houston | 000 | 100 | 001 | —2 | 8 | 3 |

Smoltz, Seanez (8), Lightenberg (9) and J.Lopez; Bergman, D.Henry (6), Elarton (8) and Eusebio. W—Smoltz, 13-2. L—Bergman, 11-7. HR—Atlanta, J.Lopez (23).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Florida | 000 | 000 | 006 | 1 | —7 | 10 | 3 |
| St. Louis | 000 | 000 | 150 | 0 | —6 | 14 | 2 |

(10 innings)

Ojala, Spoler (7), Pall (8), Alfonseca (9) and Knorr; D.Oliver, Frascatore (9), Painter (9), Brantley (9), Acevedo (10) and Marrero. W—Alfonseca, 5-6. L—Acevedo, 6-3. HRs—Florida, Kotsay (5), D.Lee (15), Floyd (18), Orie (5). St. Louis, McGwire (54), Mabry (9).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 010 | 100 | 220 | —6 | 14 | 2 |
| Colorado | 000 | 040 | 050 | —5 | 8 | 1 |

Pulsipher, C.Fox (7), M.Myers (8), Wickman (8) and Matheny; Jm.Wright, DeJean (7), Dipoto (9) and Manwaring. J.Reed (9). W—Pulsipher, 2-1. L—Jm.Wright, 7-12. HR—Milwaukee, Cirillo (10).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 000 | 100 | 002 | —3 | 6 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 100 | 001 | 01x | —4 | 9 | 2 |

Pavano, M.Maddux (7), Kline (9) and Widger; Park, Shaw (9) and C.Johnson. W—Shaw, 3-5. L—Kline, 2-5. HRs—Montreal, Fullmer (11), Los Angeles, Eric Young (5), Karros (19).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 000 | 020 | 200 | —4 | 13 | 0 |
| Arizona | 001 | 101 | 000 | —3 | 8 | 1 |

Peters, Tabaka (6), Christiansen (8), Loiselle (9) and Oak; Daal, W.Banks (7), Olson (9) and Miller. W—Tabaka, 2-1. L—Daal, 6-9. Sv—Loiselle (17).

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

First Game

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 000 | 033 | 000 | —6 | 9 | 0 |
| New York | 012 | 000 | 20x | —4 | 5 | 1 |

Juden, DeLucia (7), Percival (9) and Wallbeck; Bradley, Lloyd (6), Stanton (8) and Girardi, Posada (8). W—Juden, 1-2. L—Bradley, 1-1. Sv—Percival (37). HRs—Anaheim, R.Williams (1). New York, T.Martinez (23).

Second Game

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 001 | 000 | 221 | —6 | 13 | 1 |
| New York | 000 | 050 | 101 | —7 | 8 | 0 |

Sparks, Fetters (7), Hasegawa (9) and Nevin, Walbeck (9); D.Wells, M.Rivera (8) and Posada. W—M.Rivera, 3-0. L—Fetters, 2-7. HRs—Anaheim, Edmonds 2 (20). New York, Bush (1).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 004 | 000 | 012 | —7 | 15 | 1 |
| Toronto | 001 | 100 | 000 | —2 | 3 | 0 |

Belcher and M.Sweeney; Carpenter, Risley (9), Sinclair (9), Almanzar (9) and Fletcher. W—Belcher, 12-10. L—Carpenter, 9-7. HR—Kansas City, Palmer (30).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 011 | 000 | 010 | —3 | 6 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 010 | 020 | 11x | —5 | 9 | 0 |

Fassero and Marzano; Burba, S.Reed (8), M.Jackson (8) and S.Alomar. W—Burba, 11-9. L—Fassero, 10-10. Sv—M.Jackson (33). HRs—Seattle, E.Martinez (25). Cleveland, M.Ramirez (32), Sexson (2).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 100 | 003 | 000 | —4 | 6 | 1 |
| Boston | 030 | 100 | 03x | —7 | 10 | 2 |

Stein, Holzemer (6), Worrell (6), G.Heredia (8) and Macfarlane; Saberhagen, Eckersley (6), Corsi (7), Wasdin (8), Gordon (9) and Hatteberg. Varitek (9). W—Wasdin, 6-4. L—Worrell, 2-7. Sv—Gordon (38).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 050 | 200 | 002 | —7 | 12 | 0 |
| Tampa Bay | 000 | 110 | 010 | —3 | 10 | 2 |

Tewksbury, Serafini (6), Guardado (8), Carrasco (8), Aguilera (9) and Steinbach; Saunders, A.Lopez (8), Aldred (9), Medr (9) and DFelice. W—Tewksbury, 6-9. L—Saunders, 4-12. Sv—Aguilera (33).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 100 | 000 | 220 | —5 | 6 | 2 |
| Chicago | 050 | 102 | 03x | —12 | 15 | 1 |

Guzman, P.Smith (6), D.Johns (7), A.Benitez (8), Orosco (8) and Webster; Baldwin, B.Ward (6), Bradford (6), Simas (9) and Kreuter. W—Baldwin, 8-5. L—Guzman, 5-13. HRs—Baltimore, R.Palmeiro (29), C.Ripken (12). Webster (10). Chicago, F.Thomas (25).

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 100 | 040 | 100 | —6 | 9 | 1 |
| Texas | 420 | 001 | 01x | —8 | 12 | 2 |

Florie, F.Castillo (2), Seger (6), M.Anderson (8) and Bako; Loaiza, Crabtree (6), Gunderson (7), X.Hernandez (7), Wetteland (9) and I.Rodriguez. W—Loaiza, 2-3. L—Florie, 5-8. Sv—Wetteland (38). HRs—Detroit, Catalanotto (4). Texas, T.Goodwin (2).

**NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS**

BATTING – Olerud, New York, .343; Bichette, Colorado, .340; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .336; LWalker, Colorado, .336; VGuerrero, Montreal, .329; Biggio, Houston, .328; Castilla, Colorado, .326.

RUNS – ChJones, Atlanta, 108; Biggio, Houston, 107; Sosa, Chicago, 103; McGwire, St. Louis, 102; Bagwell, Houston, 101; Glanville, Philadelphia, 97; GVaughn, San Diego, 97.

RBI – Sosa, Chicago, 130; McGwire, St. Louis, 116; Alou, Houston, 115; Castilla, Colorado, 113; Bichette, Colorado, 109; Galarraga, Atlanta, 106; GVaughn, San Diego, 104.

HITS – Bichette, Colorado, 188; Biggio, Houston, 175; Castilla, Colorado, 171; VGuerrero, Montreal, 170; Glanville, Philadelphia, 167; Sosa, Chicago, 163; ChJones, Atlanta, 162.

HOME RUNS – McGwire, St. Louis, 54; Sosa, Chicago, 52; GVaughn, San Diego, 43; Galarraga, Atlanta, 40; Alou, Houston, 38; Castilla, Colorado, 37; VGuerrero, Montreal, 32.

STOLEN BASES – Womack, Pittsburgh, 51; Biggio, Houston, 42; Renteria, Florida, 40; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 37; Floyd, Florida, 25; OVeras, San Diego, 21; DeShields, St. Louis, 21; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 21; Bonds, San Francisco, 21.

PITCHING (15 Decisions) – Smoltz, Atlanta, 13-2, .867, 3.32; KBrown, San Diego, 17-4, .810, 2.43; Glavine, Atlanta, 17-5, .773, 2.57; GMaddux, Atlanta, 17-6, .739, 1.91; Ashby, San Diego, 16-8, .727, 2.79; ALeiter, New York, 12-5, .706, 2.42; Lima, Houston, 13-8, .684, 3.63.

STRIKEOUTS – Schilling, Philadelphia, 253; Wood, Chicago, 223; KBrown, San Diego, 212; GMaddux, Atlanta, 170; Reynolds, Houston, 167; Nomo, New York, 161; Dreifort, Los Angeles, 154.

SAVES – Hoffman, San Diego, 43; Shaw, Los Angeles, 38; Beck, Chicago, 37; Nen, San Francisco, 33; JFranco, New York, 28; Urbina, Montreal, 26; BWagner, Houston, 25.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS**

BATTING – BWilliams, New York, .341; TWalker, Minnesota, .332; MVaughn, Boston, .331; DJeter, New York, .329; Garciaparra, Boston, .327; EDavis, Baltimore, .327; IRodriguez, Texas, .324.

RUNS – DJeter, New York, 104; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 100; Durham, Chicago, 98; ARodriguez, Seattle, 98; Edmonds, Anaheim, 97; JnValentin, Boston, 97; Knoblauch, New York, 95.

RBI – JuGonzalez, Texas, 133; Belle, Chicago, 114; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 111; MRamirez, Cleveland, 109; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 108; ARodriguez, Seattle, 106; TMartinez, New York, 104.

HITS – ARodriguez, Seattle, 173; DJeter, New York, 169; MVaughn, Boston, 161; GAnderson, Anaheim, 159; Offerman, Kansas City, 159; O'Neill, New York, 159; Garciaparra, Boston, 157.

HOME RUNS – Griffey Jr, Seattle, 44; Belle, Chicago, 39; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 39; JuGonzalez, Texas, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle, 36; Canseco, Toronto, 35; MVaughn, Boston, 33.

STOLEN BASES – Henderson, Oakland, 56; Lofton, Cleveland, 41; Stewart, Toronto, 38; ARodriguez, Seattle, 38; Offerman, Kansas City, 38; BLHunter, Detroit, 34; TGoodwin, Texas, 31; Nixon, Minnesota, 31.

PITCHING (15 Decisions) – DWells, New York, 16-2, .889, 3.36; Cone, New York, 18-4, .818, 3.58; PMartinez, Boston, 17-4, .810, 2.73; Wakefield, Boston, 15-5, .750, 4.19; Clemens, Toronto, 16-6, .727, 2.76; Helling, Texas, 16-7, .696, 4.64; Rogers, Oakland, 12-6, .667, 3.09.

STRIKEOUTS – RJohnson, Seattle, 213; Clemens, Toronto, 209; PMartinez, Boston, 200; CFinley, Anaheim, 180; Cone, New York, 162; Erickson, Baltimore, 154; Mussina, Baltimore, 145.

SAVES – Gordon, Boston, 38; Percival, Anaheim, 37; Wetteland, Texas, 36; MRivera, New York, 33; MJackson, Cleveland, 33; Aguilera, Minnesota, 33; JMontgomery, Kansas City, 28; RaMyers, Toronto, 26.

**National League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 87 | 45 | .659 | — |
| New York | 73 | 60 | .549 | 14½ |
| Philadelphia | 64 | 69 | .481 | 23½ |
| Montreal | 51 | 82 | .383 | 36½ |
| Florida | 46 | 86 | .348 | 41 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 83 | 50 | .624 | — |
| Chicago | 72 | 61 | .541 | 11 |
| Pittsburgh | 63 | 68 | .481 | 19 |
| St. Louis | 62 | 69 | .473 | 20 |
| Milwaukee | 62 | 70 | .470 | 20½ |
| Cincinnati | 61 | 72 | .459 | 22 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 86 | 47 | .647 | — |
| San Francisco | 71 | 62 | .534 | 15 |
| Los Angeles | 65 | 67 | .492 | 20½ |
| Colorado | 62 | 71 | .466 | 24 |
| Arizona | 50 | 83 | .376 | 36 |

**American League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 95 | 36 | .725 | — |
| Boston | 78 | 52 | .600 | 16½ |
| Baltimore | 69 | 63 | .523 | 26½ |
| Toronto | 67 | 66 | .504 | 29 |
| Tampa Bay | 49 | 81 | .377 | 45½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 73 | 58 | .557 | — |
| Kansas City | 61 | 72 | .459 | 13 |
| Minnesota | 59 | 72 | .450 | 14 |
| Chicago | 58 | 73 | .443 | 15 |
| Detroit | 51 | 81 | .386 | 22½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 74 | 60 | .552 | — |
| Texas | 70 | 62 | .530 | 3 |
| Seattle | 60 | 71 | .458 | 12½ |
| Oakland | 60 | 73 | .451 | 13½ |

**Wild Card standings**

| National League | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 73 | 60 | .549 | — |
| Chicago | 72 | 61 | .541 | 1 |
| San Francisco | 71 | 62 | .534 | 2 |

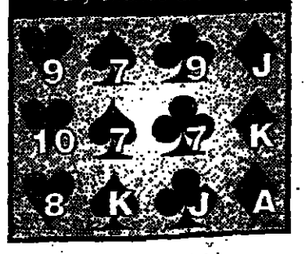
| American League | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 78 | 52 | .600 | — |
| Texas | 70 | 62 | .530 | 9 |
| Baltimore | 69 | 63 | .523 | 10 |

## Home run paces

The month-by-month paces of hitters who had at least 50 home runs in a season (x-current):

| | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Roger Maris, 1961 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 61 |
| Babe Ruth, 1927 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 17 | 0 | 60 |
| Babe Ruth, 1921 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 59 |
| Jimmie Foxx, 1932 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 58 |
| Hank Greenberg, 1938 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 58 |
| Mark McGwire, 1997 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 58 |
| Hack Wilson, 1930 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 56 |
| Ken Griffey Jr., 1997 | 0 | 13 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 56 |
| Babe Ruth, 1920 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 54 |
| Babe Ruth, 1928 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 54 |
| Ralph Kiner, 1949 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 16 | 0 | 54 |
| Mickey Mantle, 1961 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 54 |
| x-Mark McGwire, 1998 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Mickey Mantle, 1956 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 7 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 52 |
| Willie Mays, 1965 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 1 | 52 |
| George Foster, 1977 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 52 |
| Mark McGwire, 1996 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 52 |
| x-Sammy Sosa, 1998 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 20 | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| Ralph Kiner, 1947 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 14 | 12 | 0 | 51 |
| Johnny Mize, 1947 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 51 |
| Willie Mays, 1955 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 51 |
| Cecil Fielder, 1990 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 51 |
| Jimmie Foxx, 1938 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 50 |

WINNING CARDS
in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily chance drawing



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**European Champions' League draw**

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## Hick century puts England on top

LONDON (AP) – Graeme Hick increased his chances of a place on the Ashes tour to Australia with a century to prop England's first innings in the one-off cricket Test against Sri Lanka at the Oval yesterday.

Hick was unbeaten on 107 in England's 228 for four at stumps on the first day.

His innings rescued England from a precarious position shortly after lunch, when the homeside lost two wickets in 11 balls to slump to 81 for three.

Hick and Mark Ramprakash (53) shared an innings-building 128-run fourth wicket in three hours after England's sudden lapse.

Hick's fifth century in his 49th test stabilized the innings against an attack that has been, with the exception of Muttiah Muralitharan, northing but ordinary.

Muralitharan, the crafty off-spinner, took two of the four wickets to fall – Steve James and Ramprakash – the latter to end a threatening stand eight over before the close.

He took 2-58 in 31 overs, spread over three spells.

Hick was recalled after a two-year absence for the Tests against South Africa earlier this summer but scored only six, two and one in three innings. He needed a good Test innings to save his position on the Ashes tour of Australia.

Two half centuries in the triangular one-day series proved sufficient to rekindle his batting form.

His century was his 102nd in 359 first-class matches and came on heel of another threatening England collapse that has dogged its batting in the Tests and one-dayers.

Hick, who has batted for more than five hours, has hit 14 boundaries and his 230 ball innings includes a rare five – an inside edge beating wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana to hit the helmet behind him.

England yesterday lost 2-3 in 11 balls – James and Alec Stewart – before the fourth wicket pair came to the fore with a record stand against Sri Lanka, eclipsing the previous 122 between Robin Smith and Alec Stewart when the two teams last met in Colombo in February 1993.

England, 1st innings
M. Butcher c Jayasuriya b Wickramasinghe 10
Steve James c and b Muralitharan ..... 36
Graeme Hick not out ..... 107
A. Stewart c Tillakaratne b Perera ..... 2
M. Ramprakash c Jayawardene b Muralitharan 53
J. Crawley not out ..... 10
Extras (5b, 5nb) ..... 10
Total: 226 for four
Fall of wickets: 15, 78, 81, 209.
To bat: Ben Hollioake, Ian Salisbury, Darren Gough, Dominic Cork, Angus Fraser.
Bowling: Pramodaya Wickramasinghe 18-2-53-1 (1nb), Suresh Perera 24-7-58-1, Kumara Dharmasena 13-3-44-0, Muttiah Muralitharan 31-8-58-2 (4nb), Sanath Jayasuriya 5-0-12-0.
Batting time: 363 minutes. Overs: 91.



St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire celebrates his 54th home run in his game against the Marlins with his son Matt, 10. The Marlins still won, 7-6. (Reuters)

# McGwire slugs 54th homer

## Maintains gap on Sosa, who hits 52nd home run

ST. LOUIS (AP) – When Sammy Sosa homers, stand by for a long ball from Mark McGwire.

Last week, Sosa overtook McGwire for the major-league home run lead with No. 48, and it held up about an hour as the St. Louis Cardinals' slugger responded with two to beat the Cubs in extra innings. McGwire was watching on TV in the clubhouse when Sosa hit his 52nd home run Wednesday afternoon, and hours later he had a 509-foot answer off rookie Justin Speier in a 7-6, 10-inning loss to the Florida Marlins.

"I can only take care of myself," McGwire said, then smiled at a group of reporters in the media room created for his chase of Roger Maris's record of 61 home runs in 1961.

"I guess that makes your job much more interesting, and the public gets a lot more interested in it, too." It's the biggest sports story in the country, and the only story line that counts on a 62-70 team.

McGwire needs eight homers to break Maris's record of 61 homers in a season, and is only the third player in NL history to hit 54 homers and the first in 49 years. Ralph Kiner hit 54 homers in 1949 and Hack Wilson hit a league-record 56 in 1930.

He has 30 games to reach Maris's mark, with 19 of those at home, where McGwire has obliterated the stadium record with 28 this season. The previous mark was 18.

McGwire is doing his best to enjoy the chase, even though the loss was one of the most excruciating of the season. After McGwire and John Mabry hit two-run homers in a five-run eighth to put the Cardinals ahead 6-0, the Marlins hit four homers in the ninth to tie it.

Derrek Lee, Cliff Floyd and Kevin Orie hit back-to-back-to-back homers in an eight-pitch sequence off reliever John Frascatore, and Mark Kotsay's three-run pinch-hit homer off Jeff Brantley tied it 6-6.After the St. Louis bullpen blew its 29th save, Randy Knorr's RBI double in the 10th off Juan Acevedo (6-3) sent the Cardinals to their fifth straight loss. The Cardinals have lost eight games when leading after eight innings.

**Braves 6, Astros 2**

John Smoltz won his eighth straight decision and Javy Lopez hit a two-run homer, snapping the host Astros' five-game winning streak.

Braves third baseman Chipper Jones pulled muscles in his right rib cage in batting practice, then aggravated the injury when he flied out in the first inning. He left the game and is expected to miss a few days.

Smoltz (13-2) allowed five hits in seven strong innings and avenged a loss to the Astros on May 17. His only other loss came on June 26 against Toronto.

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# Maccabi Haifa make next round

BY OFER RONEN-ABELS

Maccabi Haifa are through to the first round of UEFA's Cup Holders' Cup after beating Glentorn of Northern Ireland 2-1 at Kiryat Eliezer yesterday evening.

The turning point of the game came in the 76th minute when Haifa's coach, Dushan Ohrin, decided to bring on Israel's young revelation Yossi Benayun for the selfish Ibrahim Duro. Haifa's fans, who were chanting Benayun's name long before the substitution, gave him a warm welcome.

In his first touch of the ball a minute after his introduction, Benayun exchanged passes with Alon Mizrahi on the edge of the box before releasing Israel's deadliest striker into the penalty box. Mizrahi was then tripped by a defender and Ukranian referee Sergey Tattulin awarded Haifa their second penalty on the night. Mizrahi gave goalkeeper Wayne Russel no chance as his well-placed shot hit the back of the net and scored Haifa's winning goal.

Maccabi Haifa took the lead in the 15th minute from the penalty spot after Glentoran's skipper John Devine had brought down Alon Mizrahi in the box. Mizrahi himself converted the spot kick to give the home side the lead.

Three minutes before the interval Pete Batey silenced the home fans after he was the first to pounce onto a ball that rebounded off Nir Davidovic's right post and his shot came off the same post before rolling into the net and bringing his team level on the night.

Haifa's assistant coach Daniel Brailovsky was happier with the result than with his men's performance and didn't seem to be bothered with the opponents his side will draw in the next round.

The draw, which will take place in Geneva today will also include Betar Jerusalem who failed to qualify for Europe's Champions League .

*Results of European Cup Winners' Cup qualifying round second leg matches yesterday:*

**In Baku:** Karabakh Agdam (Azerbaijan) 0 FC Copenhagen (Denmark) 4 – Nicklas Jensen 64, 70, David Newson 75, 84. Red cards: Mais Azimov (Karabakh) 11, Thomas Hemingham (Copenhagen) 90. Halftime: 0-0. FC Copenhagen win 10-0 on aggregate.

**In Batumi:** Dynamo Batumi (Georgia)1 – Tengiz Sichinava 28, (Yugoslavia) 0. Halftime: 1-0. Partizan win 2-1 on aggregate.

**In Yerevan:** Tsement Ararat (Armenia) 1 - Karen Asatryan 39, Lausanne Sports (Switzerland) 2 – Philipp Douglas 66, Mark Hottinger 89. Halftime: 1-0. Lausanne Sports win 7-2 on aggregate.

**In Chisinau:** Constructorul Chisinau (Moldova) 0, Rudar (Slovenia) 0. Rudar win 2-0 on aggregate.

**In Haifa:** Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 2 – Alon Mizrahi 16pen, 81pen Glentoran, (Northern Ireland) 1 - Pete Batey 42 Halftime: 1-1. Maccabia Haifa win 3-1 on aggregate

**In Bucharest:** Rapid Bucharest (Romania) 2 – Daniel Pancu 53, 88, Gravenmacher (Luxembourg) 0. Halftime: 0-0. Rapid Bucharest win 8-2 on aggregate.

**In Valkeakoski:** Haka Valkeakoski (Finland) 1 - Jukka Ruhanen 29 Bangor City (Wales) 0. Halftime: 1-0. Haka win 3-0 on aggregate.

**In Vitebsk:** Lokomotiv Vitebsk (Belarus) 1 – Andrei Sivkov 90, Levski Sofia (Bulgaria) 1 – Zdravko Lazorev 50 Halftime: 0-0. Levski win 9-2 on aggregate.

**In Kiev:** CSKA Kiev (Ukraine) 2 – Eduard Tsykhmeistruk 40, Viktor Leonenko 56, Cork City (Ireland) 0 Halftime: 1-0. CSKA win 3-2 on aggregate.

**In Trnava:** Spartak Trnava (Slovakia) 2 – Dusan Tittel 83, Fabio Luis Gomes 85, Vardar Skopje (Macedonia) 0. Halftime: 0-0. Spartak Trnava win 3-0 on aggregate.

**In Limassol:** Apollon Limassol (Cyprus) 3 – Milenko Spoljaric 52pen, 89pen, George Kavazis 60, Ekranas 3 – Arturas Kalinisevas 6, Raimondas Vileniskis 9, Egidijus Varnas 90. Halftime: 0-2. Apollon win 5-4 on aggregate.

**In Helsingborg:** Helsingborg (Sweden) 3 – Peter Wibran 43, Erik Edman 57, Magnus Powell 67 Vaduz (Liechtenstein) 0 Halftime: 1-0.

**In Keflavik:** Keflavik (Iceland) 1 – Snorri Mar Jonsson 29, Metalurgs Liepaja (Latvia) 0. Metalurgs win 4-3 on aggregate.

**In Valletta:** Hibernians (Malta) 0, Amica Wronki (Poland) 1 - Chrisalovic 70 Halftime: 0-0.Amica Wronki win 5-0 on aggregate

**In Budapest:** MTK Budapest (Hungary) 7 - Krisztian Kenesei 16, 71, 76, Sandor Preisinger 34, Gabor Halmai 37, Bela Illes 62, Ivan Balasko 73, Gotu (Faroe islands) 0 Halftime: 3-0. MTK Budapest win 10-1 on aggregate

**In Edinburgh:** Hearts (Scotland) 5 – Jim Hamilton 18, Steve Fulton 29, Neil McCann 41, Thomas Flogel 75, Derek Holmes 90 Lantana Tallinn, (Estonia) 0. Halftime: 3-0. Hearts win 6-0 on aggregate

# Gullit replaces Dalglish at Newcastle

LONDON (Reuters) – Ruud Gullit replaced Kenny Dalglish as manager of Newcastle United yesterday, bringing to an end a day of intense speculation at the English Premier League club.

The decision was announced on the London stock market, which had seen the club's shares climb over 10 percent as rumors of Gullit's arrival strengthened.

Dalglish, who took over from Kevin Keegan in January 1997, offered his resignation nine days ago, prompting the club to approach Gullit, who was sacked by Chelsea in February and has been out of management since then.

The Dutchman's agent, Phil Smith, told BBC Radio that Gullit met Newcastle directors in Amsterdam on Monday when he agreed in principle to take over, pending the release of Dalglish.

Newcastle issued a statement yesterday saying that Dalglish had offered to stand down on August 18, three days after the first game of the season – a 0-0 home draw with Charlton when the team was booed off the pitch.

Dalglish said he did not want to leave until a replacement was arranged. Gullit's first match in charge will be Sunday's home game against Liverpool.

Hundreds of fans anxiously waited outside Newcastle's St. James' Park for news yesterday after the initial reports of Dalglish's departure – just as they had when Keegan resigned last year.

"In welcoming Ruud we believe we have the ideal person to succeed Kenny and continue the club's development," said chairman Freddy Shepherd.

Shepherd had been involved in a row with Dalglish over the leaking of a story about an injury to winger Keith Gillespie before the start of the current season.

Gullit has been out of the game since he was surprisingly sacked by Chelsea in February, after leading them to their first major trophy for 26 years, the 1997 FA Cup. He was the first overseas coach to win one of English soccer's major trophies.

In contrast, Dalglish failed to satisfy the Magpies' fans who had loved his predecessor's high-scoring, high-risk strategy. He had also antagonized the press and fans with his approach.

The former Scottish international striker, who guided Liverpool to the double as player-manager and Blackburn to the league title, stiffened up Newcastle's leaky defense but in doing so sacrificed their attacking outlook.

His tactics initially provided success of sorts and the team finished as runners-up in his first season, qualifying for the Champions' League.

Things started well last season with an exhilarating European victory over Barcelona but went downhill quickly.

A gradual slide down the Premier League table followed, ending with the club avoiding relegation with just two games to spare.

The bright spot was reaching the FA Cup final but at Wembley they were comprehensively outplayed by Arsenal, losing 2-0.

During Dalglish's reign the club sold crowd favorites Faustino Asprilla, David Ginola and Les Ferdinand and the new signings, totalling around £25 million, failed to spark.

Frenchman Stephane Guivarc'h, signed from AJ Auxerre for £3.5 million, has yet to play but after a poor World Cup the impatient fans had already written him off as another poor signing.

Boardroom intervention, so welcome when it took the form of ex-chairman Sir John Hall investing heavily in the club, became less so when his son Douglas, a director, was exposed as ridiculing supporters by a Sunday newspaper.

Hall junior and fellow director Shepherd stood down from the board but within months were back, as the influence of the public company became clearer.

# UEFA boss slams Super League

NYON, Switzerland (AP) – Plans for a breakaway super league endanger European soccer's credibility and discriminate against East Europe, the president of UEFA said in a newsletter published yesterday.

"An attempt is being made, by way of secret meetings, secret documents, secret agreements and pressure on the clubs, to destroy the traditional structures of European football and to make money off the back of our sport," Lennart Johansson wrote in the latest issue of UEFA Flash.

The breakaway plans are an attack against European governing body UEFA, national associations and leagues, Johansson added in an editorial headlined "Europe's Football Under Attack."

On Wednesday, the man behind the breakaway plans said the project is close to reality. Rodolfo Hecht, president of Milan-based marketing firm Media Partners, outlined his proposals to leading European clubs this week.

The company hopes to form a Super League by 2001 involving the biggest names in European soccer, including Bayern Munich, Ajax, Inter and AC Milan, Manchester United and Arsenal.

Hecht has expressed confidence he will get UEFA's support.

But at a meeting in Geneva Tuesday, UEFA's Committee for Professional Football said it opposed the project.

UEFA plans to head off the breakaway by reforming its own club competitions. The body is ready to react, but "money will not dictate the course of this reaction," Johansson said.

Johansson said of the investors that it is "obvious that financial gain is their priority, not football." "Football is treated as a commodity for trading and speculation," he continued.

## Moscow paper stands by Hull story

MOSCOW (AP) – A Moscow newspaper yesterday stood by its report that Bobby Hull, the North American National Hockey League Hall of Fame member, had voiced pro-Nazi sentiments in an interview.

In a statement faxed to news organizations, *The Moscow Times* said that "the story was a fair and accurate record of the interview" conducted by its correspondent last week. It said the reporter took notes throughout the interview and a translator present during the interview had confirmed the story.

# Betar likely to best Rishon at Teddy tomorrow

By DEREK FATTAL

Domestic play takes center stage again this weekend with the second round of the National League season. The two Haifa sides which top the table were meant to meet each other in the first derby of the season tomorrow but the fixture has been put off to September 9 in view of Maccabi's Cup Winners' Cup engagement yesterday.

National team coach Shlomo Scharf will be biting his nails over the next 36 hours hoping that his squad players make it safely through their weekend trials ahead of the upcoming European Championship qualifying match against Austria on the September 5.

Champions Betar look to have an easy engagement against Ironi Rishon Lezion at Teddy Stadium. Ironically the match will probably draw a larger gate than the midweek thriller against Benfica.

One of the more intriguing fixtures could be Hapoel Petah Tikva's meeting against Hapoel Tel Aviv, while Maccabi Tel Aviv fans will be hoping to get some points from their away visit to Maccabi Petah Tikva where they have lost in the past two seasons.

The two newly-promoted sides in the top flight - Maccabi Jaffa and Zafririm Holon – have the opportunity to test themselves against each this afternoon at Gaon Stadium. Holon impressed in their 3-0 victory over Maccabi Herzliya last week, while Maccabi Jaffa kept Hapoel Tel Aviv at bay until the final moments of the match.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches tomorrow unless otherwise stated):

Bnei Yehuda v. Maccabi Herzliya, Hatikva Quarter, 16:30; Maccabi Haifa v. Zafririm Holon, Gaon Stadium, today, 16:30; Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Petah Tikva, 17:50; Hapoel Beit Shean v. Hapoel Jerusalem, Nahariya, 16:30; Betar Jerusalem v. Ironi Rishon Lezion, Teddy Stadium, 18:00; Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Maccabi Petah Tikva, National Stadium Ramat Gan, 18:00; Hapoel Kfar Sava v. Ironi Ashdod, Kfar Sava, today, 16:30.

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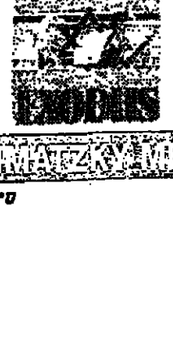
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